THE HAGUE (AP) — Iran is seeking a World Court verdict against the United States that awards financial compensation for the loss of 290 lives in the downing of an Iranian airliner by the USS Vincennes, a court official said Friday. Tehran's move came less than a year after the Iran Air jet was hit by two American missiles and exploded thousands of metres above the southern Gulf. All passengers and crew perished in the July 3, 1988 incident. The Iranian apparament has crited the court to rule that "the magazinement of the Guiff. All passengers and crew perished in the July 3, 1988 meanent. The Iranian government has asked the court to rule that "the government of the United States is responsible to pay compensation to the Islamic Republic, to the amount to be determined by the court, as measured by the injuries suffered by the Islamic Republic and the betreaved families." A copy of Iran's request to the court, which was filed on Wednesday, was obtained by the Associated Press. Iran did not provide an estimate of the damage suffered, according to E. Safavi, a spokesman for the Iranian embassy in the Hague. At the time of the incident, President Rogald Reagan offered compensation to the relatives of the victims, but he ruled out any role for the Iranian enveryment in settling the victims, but he ruled out any role for the Iranian government in settlin damage claims. It was not immediately clear whether the Bush administration unning to take part in the proceedings.

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King: Israeli plan for elections is stalling tactic

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AMMAN — The Israeli proposal for Palestinian elections, in its present form, constitutes an attempt by the Israeli leadership to stall for time in order to avoid taking a positive step towards the Palestinians, His Majesty King Hussein said Thursday.

"My suspicions are very much alive..., that the prime minister in Israel and the Israeli cabinet is really trying to find a way out from the situation they face and a way to waste time and avoid the tremendous pressure that is building up on them to make a positive move towards the Palestinians," the King told reporters shortly after Oman's Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd's departure Thursday afternoon after a three-

day visit. Palestinian self-determination, the King said, is a question of pride — "a sacred goal for the Palestinians." The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), under the leadership of its Chairman Yasser Arafat, is capable of expressing itself on the issue, the King said in response to a question on the election proposal by

Shamir earlier this month. "I would not contradict myself by suggesting that all of us Arabs should give them maximum support for the position as it has ous and concerned." evolved at the PNC (Palestine National Council) and at the U.N., the King said in reference to the PNC's declaration in November of an independent Palestinian state and Arafat's recognition in December of Israel's right to exist.

King Hussein expressed satisfaction at Egypt's readmittance into the Arab World, a move crystalised last week when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak received an invitation to attend the extraordinary Arab Summit scheduled to be held in the Moroccan city of Casablanca May

"I am not only hopeful, I am very happy indeed that finally we are where we should have always been... that Egypt and the entire Arab World are... facing their destiny and their future as one people," King Hussein said. "We have finally overcome the effects of a very sad period of Arab history," he added.

Asked whether Sultan Qaboos

dom financial assistance, the King said: "His Majesty is as interested in our problems as we are... he has always been gener-

The King said his talks with Sultan Qaboos, which covered developments in Arab affairs and next week's Arab summit, as "friendly and successful."

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King and Sultan Qaboos had discussed various Arab and international issues and had stressed their concern for the success of next week's Arab summit and its tackling of Arab issues, foremost among them the Palestine issue so that the Palestinian people may exercise their right to live in freedom and inde-Petra said the two leaders also

stressed the necessity to achieve an Arab position that would allow Lebanon to achieve national harmony and to end its 15year-old conflict. It said the two leaders also agreed on the necessity to intensify efforts that would turn the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran into a lasting peace between the two countries. Sultan Qaboos' visit to Jordan



came as part of an Arab and European tour which also took

him to Kuwait and Egypt. Seeing Sultan Qaboos off at the airport were King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Upper House Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, the King's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, the King's Personal Advisor Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Price Ra'd Ibn Zaid and a number of civil and military officilas, in addition to Arab ambassadors in Amman and the Omani Ambas-

Upon his departure, Sultan Oaboos sent a cable to King Hussein thanking him for the hospitality he and his accompanying delegation were awarded during their stay in the Kingdom.

sador to Jordan.

4 protesters shot dead, 20 injured in Gaza

3 Palestinians, Israeli soldier killed in gunbattle

First clash involving firearms in uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Seven Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were reported killed Friday in clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The soldier died in the Israeli military's first firefight with villagers in the Palestinian uprising.

Three Palestinians were killed and a high-ranking Israeli officer was seriously wounded in the battle in the West Bank, the army said. Six other soldiers suffered light wounds.

The battle, in which Palestinians threw a grenade and fired automatic weapons, occurred in Beit Ula, a village of 1,500 about 25 kilometres southwest of Jerusalem. Troops sealed Beit Ula, stopping foreign journalists at the nearby village of Halhoul.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, troops shot dead four Palestinians and wounded at least nine in a clash with residents of Rafah village, doctor's at Gaza City's Nasr Hospital and U.N. officials said. One of the dead was a woman aged about 50.

It was one of the bloodiest days of the 17-month-old uprising. Palestinians said the Rafah clash erupted after youths broke a Gaza-wide curfew to confront soldiers carrying out arrests. Israeli Radio stations said troops involved in the Beit Ula

clash were called by a collaborator reporting that shots were being fired at his house. In Damascus, a breakaway faction of the Palestinian Fateh group led by Abu Musa said its

fighters had been involved in the

U.S. said taking soft

killing an Arab suspected of help-changed. ing Israel forces.

hunting the three Palestinians.

responded to a midnight call from a collaborator in a nearby village who reported shooting, sources Troops chased a white Peugeot

after 11 soldiers in three jeeps

waved down, said an army spokesman. 'After about 100 metres, it

stopped and its occupants got out and opened fire with an M-16 rifle and an Uzi sub-machinegun while throwing at least one hand-

"As a result they killed one soldier, seriously wounded the battalion commander and slightly wounded six more of our men. Our return fire killed all three,"

In Tunis, the Palestine Libera-

Israeli sources confirmed this. tion Organisation (PLO) said its The army said it had long been policy against Palestinians using firearms in their battle against killed in Beit Ula, wanted for Israeli occupation had not

The clash brought an immedi-The gunbattle in the remote ate call from right-wing trade village of 3,800 people erupted minister Ariel Sharon for Israel to ditch its plan for elections in the occupied areas, now being pushed in Washington by De-

fence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "We are at war and everyone must understand that," said Sharcar which refused to stop when on, architect of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon who strongly opposes the initiative.

Also Friday, Israeli troops arrested about 100 Palestinian activists in the Gaza Strip, including Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, 52, the spiritual leader of the Muslim fundamentalist movement

Hamas, reports said. In the West Bank village of Surif, the army blew up two homes of Palestinians allegedly involved in attacks on soldiers during an army raid of the village Wednesday night, the army said.

Marcos

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was in critical condition in a Honolulu hospital Friday following kidney, cardiac and oulmonary failure, hospital officials said.

His successor, President Corazon Aquino, said Friday in Manila she would not permit Marcos to return to the Philippines to die or be buried, despite a radio appeal from Marcos' wife, Im-

Marcos, 71, suffered kidney failure Thursday morning and underwent surgery to prepare him for kidney dialysis, according to Gene Tiwanak, assistant administrator at St. Francis Medical

Mrs. Marcos was by her husband's bedside early Friday morning, said Joe Lazo, a family friend. The couple's son, Ferdinand Ir., and Marcos' sister, Fortuna Barba, were also at the hospital, and the Marcos' daughter, Irene Araneta, was en route from her home in California, he

Marcos was conscious before the operation and was lapsing in and out of consciousness later, said a hospital source who asked nor to be identified.

Doctors characterised his condition as "touch and go," the

The former president also had pneumonia and other severe infections and was being treated with antibiotics and heart medication, said Dr. Azucena Ignacio, an intermst at St. Francis and one of Marcos personal physicians.

In a statement broadast in the Philippines Friday by pro-Marcos radio station DZEC, Mrs. Marcos said she tried repeatedly to telephone. Aguino from Hawaii, but was told the president was

Aquino's secretary, her daughter Maria Elena Cruz, said the president had received no calls

"My countrymen, I am appealing to each and every one of you to pray that hopefully, Mrs. Aquino will know that the bringing home of Marcos will bring true reconciliation, true peace and anity for our country," Imelda said in her broadcast statement.

In a related development, Mar-cos' lawyer, Juan David, asked the Philippine supreme court Friday to order the former president's return, pledging the ousted leader would cooperate with the Aquino administration. The court rejected the appeal later

Mrs. Aquino told reporters Friday that she was somy to hear of Marcos' deteriorating condition.



Doctors administer emergency treatment to Chinese students who collapsed after a

Peking orders troops to break up protests

into the capital Saturday to try to end more than a month of student protests that have shaken the communist leadership.

Premier Li Peng did not use the term "martial law" in describing the steps he was taking to quell the student-led protests, but troops appeared ready to move against the demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

Residents reported troops poised on a main street near the city centre and said some were entering the downtown by subway. A student who ran to the student protestors encampment on central Tiananmen Square from the west said he saw 10 to 15 trucks immobilised in the street Protesting students in the

PEKING (Agencies) — The gov-ernment ordered army troops ment said they were going back ment said they were going back on a hunger strike they had suspended Friday and would stay in the square. No troops had arrived in the square more than an hour after the broadcast began. Li made the nationally tele-

vised announcement before several thousand at the Great Hall of the People, the national seat of government that adjoins the square where student demonstrators were encamped.

The protesters drowned out the broadcast for several minutes by singing "The Internationale," the song of the world communist movement, then began chanting, "Li Peng, step down."

Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, whose sympathy for the students was evident and who reportedly ten-

dered his resignation earlier Friday, was not immediately seen.

Student demonstrators in the capital's main Tiananmen Square, the heart of the protests which began last Saturday, jeered when Li's speech was relayed over loudspeakers. The students earlier decided to

end their hunger strike but tens of thousands of students and supporters remained in the square, many joining hands and vowing to sit down in non-violence resistance when troops arrive.

Motorised columns of troops, at least two immobilised by residents who have surrounded the convoys, massed near the capital's centre, Reuter correspondents said.

Li accused a "tiny minority of agitators" of manipulating the protest movement

tion Organisation (PLO).

approach to Shamir plan

Washington will not press Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to spell out details of his proposals said the official.

He said the United States realised Likud could torpedo the Israeli plan for elections in occupied territories if Shamir were forced to make concessions demanded by Palestinians.

Likud's 2,600-member central committee votes on it next

The initiative makes no mention of Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, international supervision of the elections or participation in the vote by Arab Jerusalem's 140,000 Palestinians. All are demanded by local Palesti-

TUNIS (Agencies) — Six Arab

foreign ministers mediating in the

Lebanese conflict will meet in

Casablanca Sunday, a day later

than previously planned, an Arab League official said Friday.

League Assistant Secretary

General Adnan Omran said the

league postponed the meeting to

give the ministers time to arrive

and because they preferred to

met nearer the opening of an Arab summit in the Moroccan

The committee of ministers -

from Kuwait, Sudan, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United

Arab Emirates — have been trying since February to resolve a

constitutional crisis in Lebanon,

which has two rival governments.

chairman, Kuwaiti Foreign

At the meeting the committee's

city Tuesday.

"The Americans understand and will not put on any pressure for Palestinian elections while until the Likud vote. They realise Shamir is still trying to sell them that any pushing here, any to his Likud Party, a foreign answer they might get, will make the idea less attractive to Likud,"

> Israel's Likud-Labour coalition government approved the plan 20 to six Sunday despite the Likud opposition. But a Shamir aide said the prime minister would resign if his party rejected the

initiative. In an effort to win over the Likud opposition, Shamir vowed Wednesday that Israel would never give the Palestinians "a single centimetre" of the occu-

pied territories. Shimon Peres, Israel's vicepremier and head of the more dovish Labour Party, said the itiative."

Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad

Al Sabah, will detail efforts to

consolidate a ceasefire that began

The league hopes to send some

320 observers to monitor the

ceasefire between army comman-

der Major-General Michel Aoun

and Syrian troops and their

Friday advised Americans to "de-

"The United States govern-ment wishes to advise all Amer-

ican citizens remaining in Leba-

non that because of the threat

posed by the security situation they are strongly advised to de-

part Lebanon immediately," the

embassy said in a press release.

that they are responsible them-

"American citizens are advised

part Lebanon immediately".

The U.S. embassy in Beirut

Lebanese militia allies.

last week.

principle of trading occupied land for peace was still his party's

In Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said Friday it would "take some time" to implement elections. reporters, he appealed for Egypt

to attend without preconditions a summit with Israel and the United States as a first step in his govenment's four-point plan. He also called on the United

States to lead a \$2-billion effort by industrialised countries to "improve living conditions" for 300,000 Palestinians in refugee

camps in the West Bank and Gaza. Arens, who met Secretary of

State James Baker and other senior U.S. officials Thursday, insisted that Baker "pledged his wholehearted support for the in-∠ebanon panel meets Sunday

selves for arranging their depar-ture from Lebanon," the release

It said the American embassy

was "not in a position to arrange

transportation of citizens from

A spokesman for Aoun's com-

mand, speaking on condition he

not be named, said his troops

were exchanging machine gun

fire and rocket-propelled gre-

nades with Syrian and allied forces on the Soug Al Gharb

No casualties were reported,

but "they fire on us and we fire

on them. This hasn't stopped

despite the Arab League-spon-

sored ceasefire," the spokesman

told the Associated Press by tele-

front southeast of Beirut.

Lebanon.

Ciriaco de Mita ltalian government

ROME (Agencies) — Christian Democrat Premier Ciriaco de Mita resigned Friday after repe-

coalition government. De Mita turned in his resignation as head of Italy's 48th postwar government to President Francesco Cossiga, who asked him to stay on in a caretaker

capacity. aimed at forming a new coalition

De Mita announced his resignation after an urgent cabinet meeting requested by his main political foe, Bettino Craxi, a former premier who leads the

In a closing speech at the Socialist convention in Milan earlier in the day, Craxi said a "political and procedural clarification" about the coalition was needed immediately.

n a statement that the president had reserved his decision on whether to accept the resignation — a normal formula — and asked De Mita to stay in power to handle outstanding government

De Mita told reporters his resignation had become necessary after statements made at the Socialist party congress, but said the rift in the coalition had be-

Cossiga, he said he hoped the

put an end as soon as possible to the state of uncertainty and to the difficulties that have brought us to this crisis," De Mita said.

The Socialists and Christian Democrats have been squabbling for weeks over a variety of issues, with Craxi and fellow party mem-

Political diatribe has also been stepped up in the campaign for elections for the European Parliament next month.

Ethiopia smashes coup, to put plotters on

ADDIS ABABA (Agencies) - The Ethiopian government said Friday several senior army officers had been arrested on suspicion of helping to launch a coup this week and pledged to put the plotters on trial.

"Those who are cleared of any involvement will automatically be released to resume their duties, while those who are proved to have been involved in the plot will be brought to justice," Foreign Minister Berhanu Bayih said.

He told foreign diplomats and journalists in Addis Ababa that the government was firmly in control after Tuesday's failed coup. Ringleaders included the armed forces chief of staff and the commander of the air force, both of whom were killed.

"At present everything is under control throughout the country after the coup attempt by a few generals was swiftly crushed with a minimum of bloodshed," he said.

Berhanu gave no details of those arrested on suspicion of collaborating in the coup. Industry Ministry Fanta Be-

lay was arrested following the coup attempt. The official Ethiopian News Agency said Friday the second-in-command of Ethiopian forces in the wartorn northern province of Eritrea, Major-General Kumelachew Dejen, was on the run after joining the coup attempt in Addis Ababa.

President Mengistu Haile Mariam, addressing the nation Thursday night, praised loyalist forces for putting down the rebellion, especially in Asmara, capital of Eritrea.

Mengistu said that "a few of the conspiracy's collaborators attempted to continue the betbut the Second Army "has today crushed the traitors... and has brought the situation under full control."

In his first public comment since returning Wednesday from an abbreviated trip to East Germany, Mengistu said his "revolutionary forces will liquidate" the mutineers. He blamed the uprising "on a few generals" who played their 'greed and hunger for power' above the national interest. The revolt is the most serious challenge to Mengistu's 15-year-old rule in Ethiopia.

"The victory of the loyal troops the rebels has cleared a shadow of great danger which could have plunged the nation into a civil war," he said.

Radio Asmara, broadcasting

shortly after the dissident troops were routed Thursday, said six renegade army generals had been killed. The Ethiopian News Agency Friday named one of them as Major-General Demisse Bulto, commander of the Second Army stationed in

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Merid Negusie and Air Force Commander Ahma Desta were shot dead by loyalist troops in Addis Ababa shortly after the coup started in the capital

No details of other casualties have been given, but Defence Minister Haile-Giorgis Habte-Mariam was also killed by the dissident troops.

Berhanu said Demisse had

tried to collaborate with rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Army (EPLF), who have been fighting for the independ-ence of Eritrea for the past 28

Asmara was now very quiet, the foreign minister said.

Diplomats in Nairobi said the failed coup had been sparked by discontent among some sections of the armed forces over government losses in battles with EPLF rebels and their allied Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), fighting in

adjacent Tigray province. Addis Ababa was back to normal Friday after the government reopened the capital's international airport, closed since

International telephone and telex links with Ethiopia, also severed Tuesday, were restored Thursday night.

Government troops, backed by tanks, continued to guard



resigns

ated sniping by the Socialists, his main partner in the 13-month-old

The political negotiations

could take weeks.

Socialists.

Cossiga's quirinale palace said

come apparent before then. Speaking after his meeting with

crisis would be solved swiftly. "I hope that a new pact in conditions of political loyalty can

bers accusing De Mita of failing to take a leadership role.





Palestinians heading for a Gaza Strip checkpoint after being rounded up and ordered to return home by the Israeli occupation authorities.

Israeli finance minister opposes Gaza closure

TEL AVIV (R) -- Shimon Peres. Israel's vice premier and head of the Labour Party, has warned that new restrictions on Palestinians from the occupied territories working in Israel would incite more hatred.

Israel Thursday announced tough measures for Palestinians from the occupied Gaza Strip entering Israel, mainly aimed at screening the 60,000 Gaza Palestinians who work daily in Israel.

"To my mind we should not withhold work from residents of the territories because they will be forced into very serious economic straits," Peres said in a radio

"We will be pushing them into a corner, which will cause more

and more bitterness and more and more opposition," warned Peres, who is also finance minister.

The interview took place as Peres' Labour Party debated a new government initiative calling for elections in the occupied terri-

The new entry policy, initiated by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin who is a chief party rival of Peres, will eventually apply also to Palestinians living in the West Bank, sources said.

Peres criticised a statement by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Israel would never give up "one centimetre" of Israeli-held land. He said the principle of trading occupied land for peace is still Labour Party policy.

Rabin told Labour's Central Committee that although Shamir has insisted he will oppose trading land for peace, the initiative did not rule it out in a final

Employment

Rabin said this week that half the Palestinian workers inside Israel did not have official work permits.

Those with permits mostly work for big firms which register them with tax and social security authorities and pay their contributions.

Many smaller firms, to cut costs, do not declare their Palestinían workers who both get a job and pay no tax.

The average wage for non-declared workers is 400 shekels (\$215) a week, more than twice the wage paid by Palestinian employers in Gaza, workers say.

Tel Aviv municipal spokesman Benny Cohen said the city could for the present replace its nonskilled market porters and sanitation workers from Gaza with West Bank Palestinians.

"The problem is in construction where contractors have employed the same people over years and they have become semi-skilled or skilled," he said.

Major construction sites in the city were mostly idle on Thursday with the only activity that of Jewish foremen checking equip-

PLO ready to name group to break deadlock

TUNIS — Palestine Liberation settlement. Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said here that he of Palestinians living in the occupied territories to a provisional government if that would help break the political deadlock in Israel over negotiating directly with the PLO.

don't want to burn this card," Arafat said Tuesday (May 17) during a 2½-hour middle-of-the-night interview with The Washington Post. "If they (the Israelis) say no to the PLO, maybe they will accept this provisional government to facilitate some steps" towards reaching a talks could lead to negotiations

PLO officials are known to regard a provisional government ated with Jordan, according to would be willing to name a group as a potentially critical vehicle for one Palestinian scenario. opening negotiations with Israel. In one often-formulated negotiating scenario, elections in the occupied territories could produce a new slate of Palestinian representatives whom Arafat could name to a provisional Palestinian government.

These representatives could then open "confidence-building" negotiations with Israel in the name of the PLO on internal issues of security and economic cooperation. Such preliminary

on the final status of Palestinian independence in a state confeder-

For the moment, Arafat said, it is not possible to na visional government because that would endanger the security of Palestnians living in the occupied territories whose leadership must be recognised by the PLO.

In interviews here, diplomatic sources said the U.S.-PLO dialogue begun last December is stalled for now because the PLO has failed to respond to the Israeli proposal, which was transmitted to PLO officials here April 17 by U.S. ambassador Robert Pelletreau following Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Washington. 'The ball is really in their

court," a Western diplomat said. more from the PLO on Shamir's ideas.

But a senior PLO official involved in the dialogue disagreed with the American assessment, saying the PLO has received nothing that could be called an Israeli election plan other than the U.S. notification that Israel intended to hold elections and that Washington considered it a good idea - The Washington

Sweden calls for Israel-PLO dialogue

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs Sten Andersson has urged that a dialogue between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) should begin as soon as possible in order to prevent the extremists on both sides from subverting the peace process into a violent confronta-

Speaking before the National Press Club Wednesday on Sweden's role in world affairs, Andersson answered questions on his country's involvement in the Middle East peace process, notably its role in helping to set the stage for the current dialogue between the PLO and the United States.

The minister said that in his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker later in the day he expected to discuss "how to find a formula for fair and free

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elections on the West Bank and Gaza" which would be acceptable to both the PLO and Israel.

Andersson stressed that the role of Sweden in the Middle East peace process is part of a "silent diplomacy" which is trying to get Israel and the PLO as well as the Arab countries in the region to set the stage for negotiations through "a lot of talking and arm twisting. He said as part of this "silent

diplomacy," the Egyptian foreign minister would be visiting Stockholm June 11-12 followed by the Tunisian foreign minister later in the month. Also, he said several Israeli leaders have been invited but have not yet responded. The foreign minister said he will be visiting Jordan with the Swedish king and queen in September. He stressed that the Middle East

from outside."

Commenting on the Israeli proposal on elections on the West Bank and Gaza, Andersson said although elections were the first step in the peace process, "it is necessary to find a formula acceptable to both parties." As such, he didn't think that the current proposal "is such a formula yet." However, he hoped that elections would be eventually keld.

On Sweden's actions as a "middleman" in the Middle East peace process, Andersson said the role of Sweden differs from party to party." He explained that "two of the three parties" (the United States and the PLO) are interested in Sweden's active role while in the third party (Israel) there are some people who are "very interested." peace process "must be assisted Andersson said that Sweden

it will be not and dry and winds will

winds will be northerly moderate and

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 34, Aqaba 40. Humidity readings:

Amman 18 per cent. Aqaba 20 per

be northeasterly moderate. In Again

would "help build bridges of understanding", to dispel the "mistrust" between the PLO and Israel. He concluded: "The soon-

er they start talking, the better." Andersson said while "the forces for peace have been strengthened on the Arab and also on the Israeli side" he fears there are "increasing tendencies of a polarisation.' However, he termed the ongoing U.S.-PLO dialogue as "substantive" and of "fundamental value" to the peace process.

The foreign minister also commented on Sweden's active role in the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East and Namibia. He said Sweden is actively engaged in the international efforts to end apartheid in South Africa and to win independence for the people of

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Fahd to visit U.S. in July

NICOSIA (R) — King Fand of Saudi Arabia will visit the United States in July on his first official trip to Washington in four years. the royal court said Thursday. The king had accepted an invitation to visit Washington so he could cement traditionally close ties and renew his personal friendship with President George Bush a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency said. The ag .cy, monitored in Nicosia, said the visit would start on July 27 but did not give its duration. During his visit, the king is expected to discuss Riyadh's military needs and efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. King Fahd's last visit to Washington, in February 1985, was the first by a Saudi monarch since the late King Faisal went to the United States in 1971.

Wounded Lebanese treated in Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) - More than 70 Lebanese seriously wounded in the latest spate of violence arrived in Kuwait Thursday for treatment at Kuwaiti hospitals, the Kuwait News Agency (KÜNA) reported. The 71 Lebanese patients, accompanied by 25 of their relatives, were flown from Damascus airport aboard a speciallyequipped Kuwaiti Boeing 747. They were ferried by ambulances Wednesday from west Beirut to a Syrian border point where they were received by Kuwait's ambassador to Syria, Ahmad Al Jasem, the Kuwaiti commander of the Arab observer force, Ali Al Momen, and a Kuwaiti medical team who travelled from Kuwait for the purpose. An official statement said that another Kuwaiti airliner would fly over the coming week to Larnaca, Cyprus, to bring in another batch of Lebanese nationals, this time from east

iranian envoy in Turkey to leave post

ANKARA (R) - Iran's ambassador to Ankara, recalled to Tehran in a dipomatic row last month, is to leave his post permanently, the Turkish foreign ministry said Thursday. A statement also said Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati would visit Turkey May 26 with a message from

Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi for Turkish Prime Minister. Turgut Ozal. "Ambassador (Manoochehr) Mottaki will be returning to Turkey in coming days to make preparations for his final return to Iran," it said. It did not say if Iran had named a replacement. "Ambassador Mottaki is expected to leave Turkey together with Besharati," the statement said. Turkey recalled its ambassador to Tehran April 3 for consultations after accusing Iran of meddling in its internal affairs. Iran recalled Mottaki the same day. Iranians had protested over a Turkish court ban on Muslimstyle headscarves worn on university campuses.

Egyptian court recommends death for 19

SUEZ, Egypt (R) - An Egyptian court Thursday recommended the death penalty for 19 foreigners convicted in January of drug smuggling, court officials said. Egypt's grand mufti will review the recommendation on the smugglers, 10 of whom were arrested in July on a boat carrying four tonnes of opium, two tonnes of hashish and 300 kilogrammes of heroin from Pakistan. Four of those arrested were Sudanese, two were Bangladeshi, one Kenyan, one Tanzanian, one Indian and one Somali. The drug ring's masterminds, two Lebanese and a Pakistani, were arrested later. The other six defendants - an American, two Lebanese, two Palestinians and an Israeli — were still at large and were convicted in their absence, the court officials said. The drugs were bound via Egypt for Europe and the United States, the officials said. The court will pass sentence July 4.

Four die in SLA shelling

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Pro-Israeli militiamen shelled the southern Lebanese port of Sidon Thursday, killing three adults and a baby, security and hospital sources said. They said three other people were wounded when the South Lebanon Army (SLA) fired six shells at Sidon and outlying areas. The city had been spared attack in the bombardment which has hammered Beirut and other areas since mid-March. Many people fled to Sidon to escape the shelling of Beirut. The SLA threatened Wednesday to shell Sidon unless the Popular Liberation Army (FLA), which controls the area, supplied flour for thousands of people in the border "security zone" patrolled by the SLA and Israeli troops.

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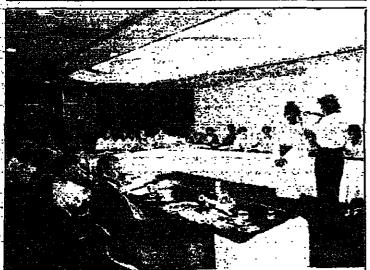
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Prince Khaled ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) - Saudi Air Defence Commander Prince Khaled Ibn Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz has wound up a five-day visit to Jordan and left for home. Prince Khaled was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on the last day of his visit here and the two princes discussed developing Saudi-Jordanian cooperation by concerned organisations in the two countries. During his visit here Prince Khaled toured a number of military and economic positions and held meetings with senior officials and high ranking army officers as well as the commander of the Jordanian Royal Air Force. Upon his departure, Prince Khaled was seen off by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid and senior officials.



Wella France seminar in Jordan

JORDAN has been chosen as the venue of a unique seminar for 25 leading French hairdressers. This workshop, lasting for a full week, is organised by Wella France, for some of its outstanding clients.

The group arrived in Amman Wednesday May 17, and was welcomed at Regency Palace Hotel by a reception organised by Lawrence Tours, and attended by members of the Wella organisation in Jordan.

The seminar was initiated by Mr. Thierry Tixier, director of seminars of Wella Paris on Thursday morning. This was followed by a demonstration on the latest artistic trends, by Mr. Guy Noel

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Baquey, Wella artistic director. Mr. Baquey showed the new line of hairdressing that he coined "Jordanie."

On Saturday the time of the participants will be divided between visiting the highlights of Jerash, and watching the working techniques of Mr. Marcel Geymann, who is the person responsible for sales at Wella Paris. The visit to Amman will be highlighted by a Gala dinner held Saturday evening.

The group will then move down to Aqaba for four days to enjoy the sun and relax on the southern beaches, returning back home next Thursday.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

A plastic art exhibition by Mohammad Bolis and Munira
Tanisiyyeh at the Housing Gallery.

A The May art exhibition at Al Wasiti Art Gallery, Plaza Hotel.

★ An art exhibition by Aziz Ammoura at the Gallery Hall, Jabai

& An exhibition entitled "Grand Projects for the State: 1979-B An exhibition entitled "Grand Projects for the State: 19791989" at the French Cultural Centre.

A photography exhibition by British photographer and writer
Jane Taylor in which 41 aerial photographs of various places in
Jordan are on display at Alia Gallery.

A photography exhibition by Adib Atwan at the Spanish
Cultural Centre.

An art exhibition by Diana Shamounki at the Petra Bank

An art exhibition by Ahmad Abu Othman at the Housing Bank

Gallery (Friday).

An exhibition entitled "Spotlight Germany" displaying works by eleven German photographers at the Goethe Institute —

5:00 p.m. ★ An archaeological exhibition entitled "The Treasures of Hasma

Desert" at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.

An art exhibition by three Arab Maghreb artists at Abdul

Hamid Shoman Foundation.

★ A Charty Chaplin film week at Haya Cultural Centre (For more) information call the centre or the British Council).

LECTURE

A lecture, with slides, on the restoration works of the Michelangelo's frescoes at the Sistine Chapel in Rome by Prof. Nazzarego Gahrielli at the Yarmouk University — 4:00 p.m.

AMSB recognises Palestinian hospitals as training centres

AMMAN (Petro) — Palestinian hospitals in the occupied Arab territories are now recognised by the Arab Medical Specialisation Board (AMSB) as training centres for obstetricians and gynaecologists, according to an announcement here Friday.

The announcement was made by Dr. Aref Al Bataineh, director fo the King Hussein Medical Centre who has been elected chair-man of AMSB's scientific council observer member of the AMSB and Iraq.

executive board. Bataineh said that the Jordanian Medical Board will be an authority to provide information on the hospitals in the occupied territories and will organise examinations in Amman for the AMSB members. According

to Bataineh 40 doctors will sit for the AMSB examination in October, and they will come from man of AMSB's scientific council Jordan, Bahrain, Syria, Saudi for the coming four years and an Arabia, Lebanon, Libya, Kuwait

Governors transferred

AMMAN (Petra) — Governors of four provinces in Jordan have been transferred to other areas in accordance with a decision taken by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem

According to the new arrangements, Eid Oatarneh will become governor of Maan, Fayez Abbadi will be governor of Karak, Mohammad Shobaki will be governor of Karak, ernor of Zarqa and Jamal Momani will become governor of Mafraq.

WHO to study Palestinians' health conditions — Malhas

Minister Zuhair Malhas returned to Amman Thursday evening after taking part in the annual meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva.

One of the main topics discussed by the WHO's 42nd meeting Malhas said, was the general living and health condition of the Palestinian people in the occu-pied Arab territories. The WHO meeting has unanimously agreed that a full study on the subject

will be made with a view to improving the Palestinian peo-ple's conditions and to providing them with medical assistance, Malhas noted.

He said that the question of including Palestine as a WHO member was also taken up by the annual meeting.

The WHO has given the fight

against smoking a special attention and endorsed May 31 as an international non-smoking day, with special attention to be given

great harm to their children resulting from smoking, Malhas noted.

The minister said that he attended Arab health ministers meetings in Geneva which decided on restoring Egypt's mem-bership to the Arab Health Ministers Council. The Arab health ministers, Malhas said, also approved Egypt's hosting of the council's fifth meeting in Cairo in the coming year.

Anti-narcotics conference calls on Arab states to sign U.N. agreement

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A ministers of interior to take acthree-day conference by Arab detion in this matter and to define Amman, with the participants recommending that all Arab states should sign a United Nations

It urged Arab states also to conclude bilateral and pan-Arab agreement on combating the trade of illicit products and drugs.

partments in charge of combating certain dangerous types of drugs drug smuggling and addiction in so that proper action can be taken the Arab World has concluded in in Arab markets to protect the public health.

agreements that would help com-bat drug trafficking operations The conference's statement within the Arab region and to issued Thursday urged Arab hold periodic meetings for con-

cerned authorities on border posts in the bid to control crossborder smuggling.

The statement urged Arab states to highlight the danger of drugs through their media especially television.

The conference was attended by 15 Arab countries which discussed cooperation in combating the danger of drugs in the Arab

U.N. fact-finding mission due soon

AMMAN (Petra) — A fact-finding mission will be dispatched by the United Nations to the Middle submit a report to the head of the U.N. press office which initiated the team's tour in the region, East region shortly to investigate Israel's human rights violations in the occupied Arab territories and examine Palestinians' living conditions under Israeli rule, according to Dr. Mahmoud Saeed head of a team from the U.N. press office now on a visit to Jordan and the Arab region.

Saeed said that the fact-finding mission, which will visit the occu- Israeli conflict. pied territories in the course of its task, will group representatives of Senegal, Yugoslavia and Sri

Saeed who has met with cabinet members and toured Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan held meetings with senior officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UN-RWA) and inspected services to the refugees in Jordan.

His team which represents leading newspapers frOm members heard more facts about Europe, Asia and America will Israel's malpractices against the

AMMAN (Petra) - The Minis-

try of Agriculture will do all it can

to help reduce the cost of farm

equipment and other materials to

help Jordanian food producers

increase their output, and wel-

comes any investments in agri-

cultural processing industries in

Jordan, Agriculture Minister

Adnan Badran said at a meeting

The minister said everything

possible will be done to stream-

line the agricultural production

process and to ease bottlenecks in

the process of marketing Jordan's

The meeting was attended by the president and members of the

board of the Agricultural En-

gineers Association (AEA)

whom the minister requested to come up with proposals to help

promote the production and

marketing processes.

According to official statistics,

Jordan on Thursday exported

2,900 tonnes of vegetables to different destinations. The fi-gures were read out at the meet-

Crown Prince Hassan, an exhibi-

tion of three North African

painters opens Saturday at the

Scientific Cultural Centre, Abdul

Hameed Shoman Foundation, in

cooperation with the Institute of the Arab World in Paris.

The exhibition includes thirty-

The Moroccan painter Moham-

roots on the one hand, and his June 20, 1989.

mad Kacimi has created a style of his c...a which portrays his Arab

four paintings by Mohammad Kacimi, Rafik Al Kamel and

Abdullah Benanteur.

Thursday.

Ministry to reduce

cost of farm equipment

Saeed said.

He said that the U.N. sends missions to the Middle East area. on regular basis to gather information about the situation in the occupied Arab lands so that reports will be presented to the U.N. General Assembly to help it arrive at resolutions to bring about a just settlement to the Arab-

The team which groups journalists from the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, Japan, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Sweden and West Germany has already visited Syria and Jordan in the course of its current tour and had earlier met with Palestine President Yasser Arafat and the Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi in Tunis.

At a meeting with Labour Minister Jamal Bdur the mission

ing which was attended by the Ministry of Agriculture's Secret-

On Thursday, Dr. Badran met

with a visiting team from the

Soviet Academy of Sciences and

discussed Jordanian Soviet coop-

eration in the production of apple

and stone fruit trees in Jordan.

The minister briefed the team

on various experiments being car-

ried out at agricultural stations in

Jordan for the production of im-

proved strains of crops and trees

and referred to the ministry's

endeavours to set up wildlife re-

serves to protect animals and

birds threatened with extinction.

Referring to the agricultural situation in Jordan, Badran said

that the Ministry of Agriculture is determined to carry out plans

designed to increase lean meat

production and cereals to meet

the growing demand in the local

The Soviet team expressed

readiness to launch cooperation with Jordan in these fields

'Rafik Al Kamel, a Tunisian,

concentrates his search on the

relationship between line and col-

our, between the figurative and

Finally, engraving and painting

are the two basic aspects of the

Algerian Abdullah Benanteur's

art. He is considered as one of the

most important North African

painters who has contributed to

the development of contemporary Arab art.
The exhibition will run until

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AMMAN (J.T.) - Under the openness to the world of contempatronage of His Royal Highness porary art on the other.

ary General Salem Al Lawzi.

Palestinian workers and their trade and labour unions in the

occupied territories. Bdur spoke of Israel's continued measures to try to uproot the Palestinian people by destroying their socio-economic infrastructure and Israel's confiscation of Arab territory to set up Jewish settlements.



Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Thursday receives at the Prime Ministry heads of profession associations (Petra photo)

Sharif Ziad receives associations heads

Government intent on implementing King's directives

AMMAN (J.T.) — Heads of professional associations in Jordan Thursday called on Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and discussed ways of dealing with current issues in Jordan.

They voiced their support for the government's programme to introduce reform and improve the civil service function.

The heads of associations expressed satisfaction with the government's decisions concerning the easing of restrictions on the media and pledged full coopera-

The prime minister heard the views of the professional associations on different matters and said that the government

embarked on implementing His Majesty King Hussein's directives and was acting in accordance with comprehensive and carefully studied plans to deal with the diffe-

> To execute its programmes, the prime minister said, the government requires serious efforts on

the part of the Jordanian citizens so that the country can attain self-sufficiency and increase production.

Sharif Zaid said that the government will settle all issues after careful consideration of each case and there will be no hasty deci-

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masaadeh and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim

Marking non-smoking day, May 31:

Jordan intensifies campaign

along with countries around the world will observe Non-smoking day on May 31 through intensified programmes, lectures, semi-nars and other activities to help stem the danger of smoking.

The Health Ministry announced Friday that it has prepared an intensive campaign to be launched on that day to spread awareness among members of the public against smoking and to encourage smokers to give up the habit. The campaign, the announcement said, will orient the public on Health Ministry laws and regulations against smoking in public areas and its

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Jordan danger to society and national economy.

The announcement noted that several public and private organisations will take part in the nation-wide campaign which among others include the distribution of pamphlets, posters and booklets, broadcasting radio and television programmes and printing warnings in the press about the danger of smoking.

The announcement said that the Ministry of Health is coordinating its efforts with the Ministry of Education, and medical pharmacists and dentists association in Jordan which will arrange for lectures at schools, mother

and health care centres, clinics and other public places.

An exhibition depicting draw-

ings and paintings which warn of the danger of smoking will be organised on May 31 and several articles will appear in the local press dealing with the subject, the announcement noted. It said the activities will include

special focus on the danger posed to women smokers special

The Health Ministry in March banned smoking in public places in implementation of a 1977 law on public health, and said that violators will be liable to strinct punishment as stated under that

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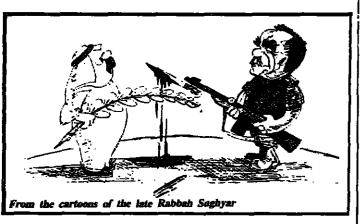
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Shamir's illusions

HIS Majesty King Hussein has said it all when he Thursday described the Shamir election scheme in its present form as no more than an effort to waste time and to escape from the international pressure that calls for a just and honourable settlement in the Middle East. His Majesty has also summed it up perfectly well when he said that the Palestinians' exercise of their right to self-determination is at the heart of the matter and any peace plan or formula is sound only to the extent it grants the Palestinian people this inalienable right. Yet, His Majesty went on to say, the final arbiter of the Israeli election idea was, is and will always be the Palestinians themselves.

In case Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and like-minded Israelis have not beard well Jordan's firm and principled stand on the peace process in the Middle East, the latest words of King Hussein should serve as yet another reminder that Amman is not about to be lured to any Israeli schemes no matter how much they are sugar coated. Jordan has said its first and last word on this subject a long time ago and Israel and its supporters would be well advised to realise that it is not in the nature of the country to fiddle with its fundamental positions on all matters including the one that touches most directly on the Palestinian question. Much valuable time could be saved in the quest for a permanent and just peace in the Middle East if only Israel and like-minded parties would heed Jordan's words of advice.

Unfortunately there are those who pretend that they do not yet comprehend Jordan's position and continue to harbour false illusions. The sooner this cycle of illusions and false hopes disappear from Shamir's vocabulary, the sooner the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict could get on with real business of moving forward to attain the elusive peace between Israel and the Arab World. Of course the biggest illusion of all is Israel's arrogant determination to cling to Arab territories and maintain its control over the West it has a genuine peace plan to offer the Arab side. It is therefore obvious that the Israeli ruling establishment, alas, has yet to learn the true lesson of the Palestinian uprising.



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JORDANIAN newspapers on Friday discussed the outcome of Sultan Qaboos' visit to Jordan and King Hussein's comments on the visit and the various Arab issues that were discussed with the Omani leader. Al Ra'i daily said that King Hussein seized the opportunity of meeting with the press at the airport to once again reiterate Jordan's determination to support the Palestinian people in their efforts to achieve freedom. The King, as the paper noted, has described Shamir's elections proposals as a delaying tactic and a means to try to abort international pressures on Tel Aviv to reach a final settlement. But the King has noted that he will not act on behalf of the Palestinians and their legitimate leadership in deciding on this question, the paper added. It said that the King who discussed various issues with Sultan Qaboos expressed his satisfaction to Egypt's return to the Arab League's summit due to be held in Casablanca later this month and said that this step will contribute further to bolstering Arab ranks.

Writing in Al Ra'i, the paper's editor Rakan Al Majali says that Egypt is back in the Arab fold having now regain every inch of its land lost in the 1967 war with Israel. No one was ever pleased to see Egypt out of the Arab Nation's ranks over the past years and no one was happy about the Egyptian-Israeli agreement, the writer notes. He says that the return of Egypt is a welcome development in the Árab World and a move that would enhance the joint Arab-action at all levels. What the Arabs now seek to achieve is a comprehensive settlement that provides for the return of the whole of Arab land lost to Israel in the 19667 war and the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which ensure the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland. the writer adds. He says that Egypt's return has been welcomed by all the Arabs including Syria because it is a step that would bolster Arab efforts to achieve their national objectives.

Al Dustour for its part summed up the different points in King Hussein's statement upon seeing off Sultan Qaboos. The paper said that the King's statement reaffirmed Jordan's support for an independent Palestinian reply to Shamir's elections proposal which the King described as a mere tactic to ease pressure on the Zionist state from the international community. The paper said that the Israelis are clearly trying to delay any attempt to bring about a lasting settlement and are desperately attempting to impede constructive efforts for a settlement. On Arab issues the King was clear and loud about his delight over Egypt's return to the Arab fold and its participation in the coming summit, the paper noted. It said that Egypt's return removed another trace from the sad chapters of the Arab history.

Europe in flux: New hopes across the continent

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

PARIS - In Europe, change and talk of change are everywhere.

The approach of 1992 and the new Europe, the democratisation of Hungary, Poland's new freedom, the rise of nationalist and democratic movements in the Soviet Union, Helmut Kohl's difficult and unexpected demands for the. removal of short-range nuclear missiles, the British Labour Party's return from the political de-sert of unilateral disarmament these and other transformations dominate the conversations of Europe's political class. There is an atmosphere of excitement and expectation.

The new Europe emerging from its long gestation will be as different as a butterfly is from a crawling caterpillar.

No one is certain about the size or shape of the new Europe, or about exactly how it will function. but its evolution is already having an impact on the politics of member states and on the imagination

of Europeans.

The opportunity to win (or preserve) political prominence through the institutions of the new Europe is attracting creative, ambitious political figures who are already busily trying to expand the scope and power of the new domain. The prospect of membership in this huge, rich market is exciting and stimulating in countries which have learned reluctantly since World War II to regard themselves as something

less than powers of the first rank.

"If there can be a market of

300 million, why not a market of 600 million?" said a rising star in the French political firmament. Why not? Chancellor Franz Vranitzky of Austria says his

country is nearly ready to make a formal application for membership in the European Community. Why should not the countries of the East, as they retrieve their national independence, be part of the new Europe?

The Soviet grip on Eastern

granted observer status at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The economies of Eastern Europe are open enough so that there is competition for their markets and growing Western participation in their industrial

development.

enough so that Hungary has been

The rapid democratisation of Hungary's politics, the less dramatic but real political reforms enacted in Poland and the progressive openings of glasnost in the Soviet Union have raised hopes and stimulated democratic and nationalist movements. The most exciting political struggles today are inside the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, where reformers vie with Stalinists or Brezhnevists for control of the

In Western Europe, discussion focuses on Mikhail Gorbachev's economic and social failures and on his diplomatic successes. West Europeans worry aloud that his

Europe has already loosened reforms are still reversible, but they fear that his diplomatic victories might be permanent.

There is a widespread view that the goals of Soviet foreign policy are to separate West Germany from the new Europe and the new Europe from the United States, leaving West Germany and Europe unprotected.

Anxiety about the West German role in the new Europe was, of course, heightened by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's demand that the United States negotiate the removal of short-range nuclear weapons from German soil. But this proposed denuclearisation is only one facet of resurgent concern about a resurgent Germany. The depolarisation on East-West relations recreates the possibility of a Central Europe, and there is no question about who is the dominant power in Central

West German economic power is viewed as awesome. West German economic penetration of

Eastern Europe has already enhanced it. West Europeans and some East Europeans scare themselves with images of a powerful, reunified, neutral Germany dominating Central - and

perhaps Eastern — Europe.

Manifestly, Europe is in flux. And that means that American foreign policy in the region is in flux. West German reluctance to accept nuclear weapons threatens NATO's "forward strategy," the centerpiece of which is the defence of Germany. The United States could not conceivably maintain large numbers of exposed, outnumbered U.S. troops

in Germany without nuclear pro-

Of course, a reformed demo-cratic Soviet Union would dismantle its huge conventional and unconventional forces and would constitute a threat to no one. But the Soviet Union is not so reformed, and it has not yet begun serious reductions in military forces and military budgets.

Confronting all this change, what should the United States

First, it should remember that maintaining American troops in Europe is a burden and not a privilege. In fact, it is not clear that today's rich, technologically advanced Europe requires the kind and amount of protection that the United States has provided since World War II. A united Europe could surely pro-

vide a greatly strengthened Euro-pean "pillar" for the defence of

its own independence. It is a hopeful time. I believe that Americans should enjoy rather than fear the changes under way in Eastern and Westem Europe. America cannot control these processes and need not try. It should instead spend its time reflecting on what it is like to live in a world with multiple power centers and multiple competitors, for that is what tomorrow will be - Los Angeles

Iranian leaders wrangle over who will succeed Khomeini

By Ed Blanche The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus -- Iran's leaders have set to work once again on who Iran's supreme leader will

be after Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini dies. The latest signs are that he may be replaced by more than one man. The leadership question was thrown wide open last month

after Khomeini forced his designated heir, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, to resign following his criticism of Iranian policies. Khomeini, 88 and ailing, then named a 20-man committee of

Iran's leading political, clerical and legal figures to settle the leadership question and to draft amendments to the December 1979 revolutionary constitution. Indications are that since no

one appears to have the charisma or religious authority of the aging revolutionary patriarch, the committee could decide that Iran should be led in the future by a council of three to five men. Parliament Speaker Hashemi

Rafsanjani, who is the frontrunner in presidential elections later this year, is one likely member of the collective leadership, which presumably would embrace Iran's various factions.

He secured an important endorsement last month from Tehran's Etelaat daily, whose

close to Khomeini. It declared: term expires in September. He "Mr. Rafsanjani has the qualifictions to head a leadership

Foreign analysts say other possible candidates are likely to include Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, radical chairman of the 83-member assembly of experts; Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, a leading member of the 13-man council of guardians; chief justice Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, a centrist; and Khomeini's son Ahmad, a key power-broker who is showing increasing signs of political ambitions after years in his father's shadow.

In naming the committee to study the future of Iran's leadership, Khomeini said the constitution contained "imperfections and flaws." He did not specify these, but warned that any delay in the amendments would bring "plagues and bitter consequences for the country and the revolution.

One of the constitutional committee's tasks is to decide whether to scrap or downgrade the post of prime minister and broaden the executive powers of the presidency.

The committee is expected to present its recommendations in advance of the presidential elections to be held between July 22 and Aug. 22, before incumbent Ali Khamenei's second four-year

cannot run for a third term. The committee's recommendations will then go to a nationwide referendum at about the same time as the presidential voting.

The two votes will affect both the future course of Khomeini's decade-old Islamic revolution and the power of the country's theocracy, which radicals fear is in danger from the liberalisation sought by more moderate These concerns have fuelled a

radical resurgence in Iran in the wake of the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the war with Iraq. There have been purges of so-called "liberals" and the execution of hundreds of political dissidents.

The current swing toward the anti-Western radicals dates from Feb. 14, when Khomeini issued his death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel. the Satanic Verses.

But Khomeini has been known to throw his weight behind one faction or another every few months in a delicate balancing act that prevents any group from becoming too powerful.
Some analysts suspect

Khomeini may already be swinging back toward Rafsanjani's socalled pragmatists.

The only declared candidate in the presidential elections so far is

bridges with the West to end Rafsanjani. He is supported by Iran's isolation and left him polithe hard-pressed middle class, the powerful 'bazaaris,' or tically exposed. merechant community, and some of the conservative religious

establishment. The populist speaker polled 1.3 million votes in last year's par-liamentary elections, the highest single tally in the ballot.

Hard-line Prime Minister Hussein Musavi has declared he will not run for president. But other radicals may yet join the contest.

Khamenei, who backs Rafsanjani, noted that the leaders who drew up the constitution after Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was ousted sought to ensure that "power could be dispersed and not concentrated, in view of their bitter experience of the concentration of power under the former

"Now the country needs strong managers with enough powers during the post-war reconstruction period and this necessitates the revision of the constitution," Khamenei said.

The radicals oppose centralising power. But Ayatoliah Abolgassem Khazari, an influential figure, noted last week: "Some powers should be concentrated... if the legislative branch is vigilant ...there can be no move toward a dictatorship.'

The radical revival torpedoed Rafsanjani's efforts to build

But the speaker, one of the shrewdest figures in Iran who has survived earlier reverses, has in

recent weeks publicly taken a much more radical position, protecting his flanks from hard-line rivals led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

For instance, he was quoted

Frenchmen and Americans in retaliation for the deaths of Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories Israel's repression of Palestinians would cease. Rafsaniani later said he had not meant to encourage such slayings.

How long he will identify with the radicals is open to question. He has changed positions many times in the last decade, trimming his sails to the prevailing political earlier this month as saying that if Islamic militants killed Britons, himself.

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Nelly Lama

Namibians face boom or bust as independence approaches

By Gill Tudor

WINDHOEK - Namibia's coming independence means rich pickings in the capital but could spell ruin for some living in the

vast northern bush. Business is booking in Windhock, the usually sleepy capital, as thousands of United Nations personnel, diplomats and foreign journalists pack the small town to

overflowing.

But as South African troops prepare to leave the territory under an international peace pact, taking their cash with them. the shops and stores of rural north Namibia face hard times.

"The economy as a whole is doing well but the gap that is going to be left (by the South Africans) will not nearly be filled by foreign spending, especially in the north," Deon Gous, Namibia's secretary for economic affairs, told Reuters. Hotels and housing are boom-

ing in Windhoek as some 6,000 military personnel, police and administrators of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), here to oversee Namibia's move to independence, scramble for a place to stay.

Restaurants, shops and car hire firms are also cashing in on the influx of diplomats and foreign journalists.

"We're soaking up all the accommodation," a hard-pressed UNTAG official said. "It's a classic case of market forces. Demand is there and it's pushing up

But the future seems grim for small, mainly black-run businesses in Namibia's northern bush, particularly the hundreds of "cuca shops" that sell beer and general provisions in isolated villages and garrison towns.

For years the South African army has been the sole source of cash in the north, spending some six million rand (\$2.3 million) a month in the Ovamboland region alone - an area where half Namibia's 1.3 million population

Many people fear that businesses in the north will go bust once their foreign customers disappear, with no industry or other cash employment to keep the money flowing.

"This will become a ghost The hotel now charges 180 rand town," said a resident in the garrison town of Rundu, near the Angolan border. Gous predicted many black

northerners would return to rais-

ing cattle or subsistence crops, or flock to towns further south in search of work. While traders in Windhoek

rake in the profits, life for the ordinary resident has become costly and plagued by shortages. Supplies of milk and other provisions are often tight.
"We're not UNTAG, you

know," complained a woman in a coffee bar, staring in horror at a stiff bill for two cups of tea.

A year ago, a single room in Windhoek's main three-star hotel cost around 80 rand (\$30) a night.

(\$70) and a receptionist said rates were set to rise again soon. A room in a comparable hotel run by the same group in Johannes-burg is half the price.

Rents have skyrocketed too. Bennie Joseph, president of Namibia's Institute of Estate Agents, said Windhoek houses were now regularly let for be-tween 3,500 and 5,000 rand (\$1,300 and 1,900) per month, with some touching 10,000 rand.

"These are rents this little town never thought it would see," he said. "It's making it very hard for the man in the street. It's terrible to see the waiting list for rentals.

Foreign diplomats are sniffing out good properties to house their embassies after independ-

ence, taking advantage of a highly preferential exchange rate for verseas investors.

Prices in the top bracket have doubled since January and embassies have bought between 30 and 40 houses in Windhoek at a cost of some 25 million rand (\$9.6 million), Joseph said.

Many of Namibia's 80,000 whites, who mostly live in Windhock and a handful of other towns, expect the boom bubble to burst once the country becomes independent from Pretoria next year, after elections in November and the drafting of a new con-

"People mustn't think this is going to be heaven for ever,' Joseph said.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

FORGIVE my ignorance, but will someone explain to me what is the link between a Jordanian reader's view of the treatment of Jews during World War II in Nazi Germany and relations between Jordan and West Germany. While the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany has the right to respond to and refute the allegation made in Mr. George Khoury's letter, it fails me to

understand what role the Palesti-

Baffling nian problem and Amman-Bonn relations have to do with the

Furthermore, since when does a reader's view "poison the atmosphere of friendship and cooperation" between two countries? By the same token, it is also baffling to see the logic behind equating a letter to the editor in a newspaper with a "pamphiet" since it is clear that the opinion expressed in such a letter is strict-

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AMMAN - "Come to Jordan for the summer of a lifetime;" is the motto on the Jerash Festival brochures distributed all over the Arabian Gulf, Europe, the Far East and the United States. With an unprecedented publicity campaign, the 1989 Jerash Festival is expected to be the best attended festival todate, organisers say.

The July 5-July 20 festival comes at a time when Jordan has made visible and strenuous efforts to promote its tourism industry in an attempt to generate additional revenue for the coun-

try, among other things. This year's festival director, Akram Masarweh, points out that 1989 is the first year that the Jerash Festival has been actively promoted outside of Jordan and the Middle East.

The national carrier, Royal Jordanian (RJ), which was appointed last year as the representative of the Ministry of Tourism abroad, has produced a wide variety of promotional material covering all aspects of the fes-

Ten different travel packages aimed at nine Arab countries, mostly in the Gulf, were put together in an attempt to hire the. citizens and expatriates living in these countries into attending the festival. RI went so far as to produce individualised brochures for each country.

The brochures in the packages cite the tour prices in the respec-

By Ingelore Winter

BONN (DaD) - The traditional

Bonn summer arts festival,

featuring-large- and small-scale

performances throughout the

summer season on the streets and

squares of the West German

capital, will be something special this year. As part of the celebra-

tions held to mark the 2,000th

anniversary of what was once an

ancient Roman city, the people of

Bonn, including 10,000 diplomats

from 160 countries, will witness a

'Festival of the Continents." Be-

tween May and September music

and dance companies from over

60 countries and all five conti-

scale spectaculars. The colourful

festival programme, of which highlights will be seen on an

open-air stage specially built on the Markiplatz with the Baroque

facade of the city's Rathaus in the

background, will be accompanied by a rich and varied range of

Residents and visitors alike will

thrill to the sound and sight of

Latin American samba dancing,

traditional African dances per-

formed on stilts, folk music from

- over 700 performers in

will take part in 10 large-

than in Jordanian dinars or American dollars so that poten-tial visitors get a feeling of "fami-

The impression the reader of a brochure gets is that the festival has been arranged for his or her

own benefit, Masarweh asserts. He points out that the air fare, cost of accommodation and festival tickets themselves have been kept at an "absolute minimum" in an attempt to make the festival affordable to a larger number of

"We are just barely covering the overheads," he said.
According to Masarweh, the festival is not meant to be a

commercial project as such, but rather a cultural activity where Jordanians and non-Jordanians alike will have an opportunity to create and maintain cultural links with one another. "This year, the aim is also to

promote Jordan as a touristic place, and with the tremendous group effort tht has been exerted, this is what the result is likely to be," he told the Jordan Times this week.

The festival's target groups range from those likely to stop over in Jordan for a few days on their way from the Gulf to Europe, Europeans and Americans looking for an inexpensive Oriental vacation and to Japanese globehoppers some of whom are expected to come all the way from Japan to see the famous shohciku in Jerash's

South Theatre.

American "Bonn Birthday Par-

the U.S. embassy.

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" to be held early in August by

India is sending masked dan-

cers, and Pakistan a folk song and

dance company. Malaysia will fe-

ature a traditional dance drama

of the kind that used to be per-

formed at the sultan's palace.

Soviet Azerbaijan is sending

choral singers, Thailand folk

music and dance from up-coun-

try. Visitors will be equally de-

lighted by Chinese and Japanese

· Bonn this summer will also be

hosting folk groups from Africa

and the Arab World, while Latin America will feature singers and

dancers from Bolivia, Brazil,

Peru, Trinidad, Venezuela and

Surinam. Denmark, Finland, Ice-

land, Norway and Sweden are

jointly holding a Scandinavian

Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Cyprus will do their joint best

to ensure that the "Festival of the

Continents" is the greatest inter-

national arts spectacular Bonn

has seen in the past 2,000 years.

and 25 groups from all over

Europe will converge on Bonn

In July 130 acrobats and clowns

summer festival in Bonn, while Mediterranean Greece, Italy,

coming from the Gulf even for the weekend," according to Masarweh. "As for Europe, the Far East and the Americas, 1

doubt that the tourists will find a more colourful packaged vacation anywhere.'

The Jerash programmes have been drawn up to accommodate fans of both Arabic and foreign cultures. Every evening a major attraction will be an Arab or foreign event. French and Russian ballet troups will perform as well as folklore groups from Trinidad and the United States among other countries. Egypt's contribution will include an Arabic play entitled "Salome," while Lebanon's Rabee Al Khooli and Morocco's Samira Sa'eed are likely to please the crowds with

their popular songs. For those who cannot afford to pay the maximum price of JD 4 per performance, a free-of-charge performance will be held at the Jerash Forum every evening. Performances staged at that forum will range from local bands and theatre groups to a folkloric troupe from Indonesia, a Spanish dance group and a clown show from the United Kingdom.

Transportation...

The Jordan Exress Tourist Transport (JETT) has concluded an agreement with the Jerash Festival organisers to provide three buses daily to Jerash. The first bus will be leaving for Jerash last bus to Amman will be leaving tive country's currency, rather are such that it would be worth night. The round trip fare will be the festival," he concluded.

street theatre ever held in Ger-

many. Several hundred partici-

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Jordan Times

Entrance fee is JD 1 for adults and 250 fils for children but buying a ticket for a particular event exempts attendants from the entry fee.

Catering will be handled by Royal Jordanian rather than by several food entrepreneurs as in previous years.

The Jerash Festival organisers have invited a large group of journalists specialised in travel and culture writing from major newspapers and magazines to cover the event worldwide. Those include almost every major publication in the Arab World as well as Europe, Asia and the Americas. Television reporters and freelance journalists and photographers have also been invited.

Masarweh points out that in drawing up the list of journalists, a group of researchers was assigned to investigate which appropriate journalists should be invited to cover the festival.

"A lot of effort has gone into the preparations for this year's festival," he said. "We have tried to make it as organised as possible and in so doing, we have paid attention to every detail.'

"Ali those who have taken part in the organisation of the festival effort selflessly... starting with those who drew the first sketches

clude Augsburg, Trier, Stras-bourg and Zurich. Bonn is now a member of this exclusive group.

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Japanese master to introduce Ohara School of Ikebana to Jordanians

By Nelly Lama

Special to the Jordan Times -- Japanese art has. since the beginning of the cen-tury, received great acclaim in Europe and the United States. Japanese interior decoration; woodcuts (graphic prints), origami (folding paper into sculptures-que forms). Japanese ceramics, etc., have all been studied, adapted and developed by the West. Yet, the art that seems to have entered most households in the world is the art of Ikebana, or Japanese flower arrangement. Jordan, of course, is no exception. Many Jordanian ladies have had the good fortune of joining one or more courses of Ikebana given by the various clubs and associations in Jordan, or were exceptionally lucky to have a Japanese teacher offer the course here in Amman.

Such an opportunity seems to have come up once more with the arrival of Mr. Masatochi Tomita, first term master of the Ohara School of Ikebana, to Amman. He is about to give three courses, lasting six weeks, about the Ohara School of Ikebana, the concept of which was devised by the headmaster Ushin Ohara, a sculptor who was adept at flower arrangement. He designed and fired the low flat wide-surfaced containers for the many colourful flowers of the West. He founded the Ohara School of Flower Arrangement at the end of the 19th Century and with it, the history of Ikebana took on new

After the death of Ushin in 1916 the second headmaster was Koun Ohara who, apart from inheriting Ushin's artistic skills, was a great organiser. He sys-tematised everything, even determining the length of the stems to be used; he modernised teaching methods explaining the system with step-by-step illustrations. After the Second World War, Houn Ohara, third headmaster, was the first to hold a flower exhibition amid postwar confusion as a symbol for peace persuading the people that there were finer things in life to

With new floral materials and an admirably creative spirit, he succeeded in elevating Ikebana from the level of a purely decorative element of everyday life to its acceptance as a major art form. He presides today over the Japan Ikebana Association, while his son Natsuki bears the title of Fourth Headmaster Designate. With main offices in Tokyo and Kobe, Ohara centres in New York and Sao Paolo, nearly 50 chapters outside of Japan and over 160 chapters within Japan. the Ohara school has about 130,000 teachers with over 1.000.000 students throughout the world.

It is, therefore, imperative to realise the seriousness of Ikebana, as well as i ts spiritual and esthetic connotations. When it started thirteen centuries ago, Ikebana was part of a Buddhist ritual and originated as a floral offering to the dead. As this art form submitted to complete Japanisation, its religious connotation was lost and the teaching of "naturalism" was emphasised.

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changed and many schools were established offerm, a variety of styles that kept certain common eatures. These essential features, common to all schools, are the sufficiency of space between the materials, a characteristic asymmetry that gives the arrange-ment the essential aesthetic touch so typical of the Japanese culture, and the harmony created in correctly spacing flowers and branches. Materials may include all parts of the plant, branches, leaves, flowers, fruits, even vegetables. Flower buds and

Ikebana usually uses up very few materials, sometimes one flower is enough, but the selection needs an experienced eye and making it look great requires advanced technique. That is why, even the most experienced lady in flower arrangement can see the need for an opportunity like Mr. Masatochi's course (which caters for both beginners and advanced Ikebana artists. Two-hour sessions are given at three different times of the day, Monday through Thursday, from May 13 to June 24).

withered flowers may be as valu-

able as a flower in bloom.

Mr. Masatochi started studying Ikebana of the Ohara school in Tokyo in 1964 and went on receiving higher honours, getting more advanced and finally establishing or simply enhancing the different Ohara chapters around the world. These cover North, some parts of Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Australia to whch he went in the company of headmaster Houn Ohara.

Ohara School of Ikebana de-

pends on two main forms: Moribana, which employs flat, shallow containers, and Heika, which employs tall thin ones. Each of these includes an upright style, full of dignity; it brings out the beauty of straight vertical plants like chrysanthemums. A slanting style that beightens the natural graceful line of slanting or drooping flowers; a cascading style for plants whose fruits hang heavy. This is a very attractive style with plants cascading over the vase. A heavenly style capitalising on the vertical line of the material: here the flowers are grouped into the centre of the container, bringing a balanced effect and helping the arrangement to soar upwards. And finally, a contrasting style which uses branches spreading gracefully to the left and right with the arrangement centred in the middle of the container. Moribana also includes the one row style which is constructed in a different manner than others. The main flower (subject) and the secondary one are placed at opposite ends of a long container with the shortest flower (the object) in the centre in order to give a serial effect where no depth is

It is only through constant practice with different materials rent type of arrangement.

necessary.

With time, Ikebana forms Central, and South America, that the student can get a feel for the materials and grasp their specific arrangement, whether classic or free-style, or be able to devise the colour scheme or to decide on the line or form. He has to learn to follow new styles such as the landscape arrangement (the creation of a natural landscape in a container), the Rimpa arrangement which is inspired by the paintings of the Rimpa school (mainly floral and plant motifs). the Bunjin arrangement (rooted in the Literati style of the Edo period) or the Hanamani (dancing of flowers) introduced by the Ohara school in 1985.

Students can advance to higher levels according to the school's curriculum under the watchful eye of Mr. Masatochi who will re-arrange and criticise the students' initial arrangements and drawn design studies done with mathematical measures seen from a frontal view, a side view and a bird's eye view, thus containing the positive and negative space in the manner of sculpture in the round — notwithstanding the fact that line rather than colour or form is the most essential feature of Japanese Ikebana.

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DUBAI (Agencies) — Rent for a modest two-bed flat in Tehran can be twice the monthly salary of the average worker and a pair of jeans costs the equivalent of two weeks' wages.

Iranians living in the Gulf and independent economists draw a picture of Iran as a country where the man-in-the-street must swim the muddy waters of the unofficial economy to survive.

In Iran, the black economy has become the real economy as confusion over official policy continues. State finances float precariously on a limited pool of oil which buys scarce foreign ex-

Most people cannot live on their real wages, so they join in with the balck economy," said

"If you have a car, then after your day's work you can go out as a taxi driver to earn some more.' said another Iranian.

Iran has become increasingly politically isolated this year as it follows a strict course of Islamic idealism, nurtured by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's deep distrust of moral and economic liberalisation.

Sources close to Iranian parliamentarians say the leadership is well aware that it must tackle the strains within the economy but that little can be done until there is greater political centralisation.

Outside political analysts believe Iran may be able to chart a clearer course after presidential elections in August, which Ali Akbar, Hashemi Rafsanjani appears set to win.

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non-oil trade, the street rate for rivals last week was as high as 1,500 to the dollar. An average worker in Iran earns 50,000 to 70,000 riyals a

month. A doctor on a govern-

ment salary perhaps 100,000. Rent on a two-bed flat in Tehran is typically 70.000 to 100,000 riyals a month.

Travellers say a pair of jeans costs 30,000 riyals and a kilogramme of meat 3,000. The homemade Paykan car has gone up in price 25 times in 10 years to nine million rivals.

The fact that Iran's economy has become priced on the real value of the dollar can be seen by dividing these prices by the blackmarket rate - jeans at 20, meat at \$2 and a car for \$6,000, the economists said.

The leadership has issued conflicting signals to its citizens, who have become wary of ostentatious free enterprise after 10 years of Islamic revolutionary attacks on capitalism.

In the past month, a top-level advisory council recommended that some state-owned firms be privatised for efficiency's sake. Outside economists estimate more than 90 per cent of the corporate economy is controlled by the state.

In two weeks time, the government has said it will impose a 15 to 40 per cent sliding scale wealth tax on people with assets of 100 million rivals and over.

With a typical house in north Tehran valued at up to 20 million, Iranians estimate one in 10 of the country's 50 million people will be eligible for the tax.

"But it will be very difficult to manage. And that is how inflation will rise further," said an Iranian businessmen.

Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said in March that inflation was running above 23 per cent a year. But independent economists said that figure appeared to cover only basic living costs.

The government relies almost exclusively on oil earnings for foreign exchange. Oil accounts for more than 90 per cent of export earnings and economists

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Iran to resume gas exports to USSR next year

To boost earnings, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh last week agreed to resume annual exports of 2-3 billion cubic metres of natural gas to the Soviet Union starting next year.

He said that Iran would like use the Soviet Union as a transit point for gas sales to other European countries.

Export of Iranian gas to the USSR was halted in 1980 over a price dispute.

Agazadeh said that sales of natural gas were important in upgrading relations between the two countries. A string of cooperation agreements have been signed recently.

The Soviets have agreed to help rebuild the giant Isfahan steel complex, manufacture hydroelectric plants, and construct oil platforms in the Caspian Sea. The Isfahan steel complex, built by the Soviets in the 1970s.

The Soviet Union also looks to benefit from a resurgence of anti-Western sentiment in Iran.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi,

his huge country racked by civil

war and natural disasters, said

Thursday he would not agree to

IMF cures for the economy if

they made life harder for the

people.
"We are still talking to the IMF

(International Monetary Fund),

but we will not enter any agree-

ment unless it is based on what

the Sudanese economy can en-

dure," Mahdi said

If it makes people suffer

was all but destroyed by Iraqi air

Shipping line to operate in Caspian Sea in June

As an example, a joint Soviet-Iranian shipping line in the Caspian Sea will begin operations next June to carry goods from the Soviet port of Baku to the Iranian ports of Anzali and Nowshahr, Tehran Radio has reported.

The joint network will comprise two ships from each country, and will transport 400,000 tonnes of goods to Iran annually, the radio said.

The first ship will leave Baku for an Iranian port next month, to coincide with Rafsanjani's planned visit to Moscow, the radio

Iran will also buy two ships from the Soviet Union, according

In addition, Iranian trucks will be allowed to pass through Soviet territory on their way to other European countries, the radio

The Soviet Union will also help Iran electrify its railroads, build the Mashad-Sarakhs-Tajan railway ain northeastern Iran, and build border checkpoints at Sarakhs and Tajan, the radio

The latest contracts follow a string of agreements signed by Moscow and Tehran in recent

view, to solve the present econo-

mic problems at the expense of

the people because they don't

have enough," he noted. Sudan, Africa's largest coun-

try, has a foreign debt estimated

billion and an inflation rate of 80

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lion people face intermittent

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Khartoum rejects IMF medicine

IMF esteems Jordan's courageous, comprehensive adjustments

AMMAN (R) -- Jordan is tackling its economic crisis bravely and will get sustained IMF support if it implements agreed reforms, an IMF official said.

"Iordan's reform programme is courageous and compre-hensive," Shakour Shaalan, director of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) Middle East department, told Reuters in an interview

"We have little doubt of their understanding of what needs to be done and that they will carry it out in a sustainable way," he. noted.

Shaalan, an Egyptian, said Jordan had a foreign debt of \$8 billion. Payments of just over \$1 billion are due this year but the repayment barden will ease

slightly in 1990, he said. Bankers estimate the debt at about 225 per cent of gross

domestic product (GDP).

The total debt was put previously at \$6 to \$6.5 billion. The government of Sharif

Zaid Ibn Shaker has released no

The IMF, in on-off talks with

Sudan, pressed for a range of

politically-sensitive reforms such

as spending cuts, unifying a dou-

ble-tier foreign exchange system

and privatising loss-making state

Mahdi said the country, which owes the IMF about \$1 billion in

arrears, could not commit itself to

IMF-inspired policies unless it

He ruled out a devaluation of

the Sudanese pound, saying this

would have to be accompanied by

other measures such as spending

But he said attempts to cut

spending were dependent on fac-

tors such as the cost of the civil

war, rehabilitation work after

floods last August and wage rises

agreed last December.

"A country at war cannot have a normal economy," he said."

cumstances and we cannot reform

the economy unless we can pro-

was able to cut spending.

enterprises.

details on public finances since it took office April 27. Bankers say military spending accounts for about half the debt.

Shaalan said the IMF management approved a letter of intent on Jordan's reform plan about 10 days ago. It would be presented to the fund's executive board at the end of June or

beginning of July.
Disbursement of IMF facilities worth about \$125 million could then begin and Jordan could apply to the Paris Club of creditors to reschedule government-guaranteed debt.

Shaalan said Jordan began the reform process itself. After talks in March and April, the IMF agreed to back the plan with its resources and help with resche-

It was also hoped that friendly countries would give Jordan additional help over and above debt rescheduling, he said.

Arab donors have announced no new aid for Jordan since a 10-year pact, under which they

tect it from those circumstances."

debt, which Khartoum has not

been able to service since the

early 1980s, added to the coun-

us from receiving any credit facili-

ties abroad. This is crippling us,"

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Mahdi said Sudan's foreign

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12.2 pounds to the dollar, was

introduced in October to try to

encourage Sudanese working

abroad to send home their sav-

But the success of the parallel

Referring to the floods, Mahdi

rate has been undermined by the

black market rate, now 20 pounds

said Sudan had not yet received \$300 million pledged by the

World Bank to help ravaged

there at 14 billion pounds (\$3.1

were to pay \$1.25 billion a year, expired last year. Actual aid fell far short of this.

"The Jordanians had relied on aid to a great extent and these masked some problems," Shaalan said. "When the aid began to decline, they could have reacted a few years earlier but perhaps they expected the high level of aid to resume."

He said the reform plan was a collaborative effort between Jordan, the IMF, the World Bank and commercial banks. "The object of the programme is to accept the reality that

Jordan was living beyond its means for too long," Shaalan "They spent more than their income. Now they realise they

should depend on their own resources and must put their own house in order,' stressed. Asked if the dinar's presen

fixed exchange rate of 540 fils to the dollar could stay, he said: "We feel the present level is appropriate given the policies that have been implemented." The IMF did not oppose Jordan's plan to spend more than

\$100 million on basic food subsidies this year, he said. "The IMF is not against subsidies as such. We are extremely sensitive to (the need to) target whatever subsidies are needed ... (to safeguard)... the living

standards of low-income The fund's main concern was cutting the budget deficit and ensuring that subsidies did not

lead to wastage likely to frustrate their original purpose.

Bankers say Jordan had a budget deficit of 200 to 300 million dinars (\$370 to \$550 million) in 1988, but full official figures are not available. It also ran a trade deficit of more than

\$1 billion. They estimate that the dinar devaluation and declining Arab aid and remittances have cut per capita income to around \$1,200 from about \$2,000 in

"I was not expecting the riots. I personally have doubts that they were totally related to the price increases," Shaalar

He said it was vital for any government trying to implement an IMF-type austerity plan to explain it properly to the people.
"For any programme to suc-

ceed the people have to understand why the measures are being taken," he declared.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

World Bank stresses quality of life

ISTANBUL (R) - World Bank President Barber Conable said Thursday the bank was implementing a new policy which sought to end poverty and increase the quality of life in countries it helps. "Early in the 1980s we worked almost entirely on economic growth, but... (now) our major intention is to reduce poverty... to increase the quality of life," he told Reuters in an interview. Conable said the bank, which used to tie its loans to monetary considerations, introduced the policy-switch six months ago.

Alitalia pilots call off strikes

ROME (R) — Alitalia airline pilots Thursday called off plans to hold six days of strikes this month, their unions said. The May 29-24 strikes had been called to press demands for improved pay and working conditions. The unions cancelled them after meetings with Alitalia management.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday, May 18, 1989

Central Bank official rates See Buy

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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U.S. dollar Canadian dollar

7.0960/1010 Norwegian crowns 7.6650/700 Danish crowns One ounce of gold 366,40/366,80

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

By Reuters

SYDNEY — Bond group companies saw sharp rises but the All Ordinaries index closed just 0.3 of a point higher at 1,561.3. TOKYO - Prices closed moderately higher in light trading. Most investors were unwilling to move before the weekend and were concerned about a possible Bank of Japan discount rate rise. The Nikkei index rose 144.65 to 34,000.98.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index plunged more than 100 points on growing fears that the confrontation between Peking students and leaders was coming to a head. The index tumbled 132.03 to 3,145.63.

SINGAPORE - Market closed for holiday.

BOMBAY — Prices drifted lower in light trading after the market opened firm. Brokers said financial institutions moved to the sidelines after Thursday's brief bout of bargain-hunting.

FRANKFURT — Shares ended higher in professional-dominated trading, as the spotlight stayed on speciality stocks and possible takeover candidates. The DAX index rose 6.43 to 1,350.41.

ZURICH - Prices closed steady to higher. Selected leading stocks gained ground, boosted by recent bullish corporate news and a decline in short-term Eurofranc deposit rates. The all-share Swiss index rose three to 1,006.9.

PARIS - Prices were steady in thin volume, with no fresh direction from April inflation data in line with forecasts. LONDON — The FTSE 100 share index reached the psychologically important 2,200-point level in the afternoon for the first time since the October 1987 market crash. At 1352 GMT the FISE index was up 22.9 at 2,200.2.

NEW YORK — A strong gain in bond prices helped stocks extend an earlier advance. The Dow in mid-morning was up 14 at 2.484. The second secon

The Delegation of the European Communities in Amman has moved to its new offices in Shmeisani opposite the Arab Potash Company. There will be no change in the Delegation's telephone, telex and telefax numbers.

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The Delegation will be closed on Sunday and Monday (21, 22 May) and will reopen on Tuesday 23 May 1989.

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tion of books, bulletins, and video films to the JSFH on the sports of the handicapped. During the meeting the Australian ambassador will be briefed on the various services the ISFH pre-sents to the handicapped.

OC convenes

AMMAN (Petra) - The board committee to study Jordan's parof the Jordanian Olympic Committee (JOC) held a meeting Wednesday under the chair-manship of Youth Minister Awad Killeifat and discussed a number of issues on the agenda. The board agreed to form a technical

ticination in the Asia Sporting activities and the games due to be held in Barcelona. The board also approved the JOC budget for last year and discussed the proposed budget for 1989.

The ABC of courage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Football star Dexter Manley told a U.S. senate panel Thursday that he has finally overcome childhood rejection and gained selfrespect since seeking help three years ago to learn to read and

Manley, a defensive end for the Washington Redskins, graduated

from Houston schools and completed all but 45 hours of under-

GOREN BRIDGE

South

you hold:

Pass

What do you bid now?

BY CHARLES GOREN

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE OUIZ

O.I-As South, vulnerable, you **♦73 ♥AQJ84 ◊AJ93 ♠J4** Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond? A .-- You are in slam territory, if you have a fit. Since you have a good five-card major, jump to three hearts. Partner's next bid should re-

0.2-As South, vulnerable, you

veal the hand's potential.

4KJ6 ♥K1063 ♦K8 **4**AK95 The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 V Pass

What do you bid now? A .- In support of hearts you have an absolute maximum—all prime controls, good trump support and a ruffing value. A bid of four hearts does not do your hand justice. Correct is to cue-bid your cheapest first-round control: in this case. four clubs.

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you **♦KI6** ♥K1063 ♦K8 ♣AK95 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now? A.—in a cue-bidding sequence, first show all your first-round controis, then your second-round coubid available. Therefore, you should bid four spades. Since you bypassed spades with your first cue-bid, you are showing second-round control now. And since you have shown a balanced hand, it must be the king.

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South you

47 ♥KQJ1882 ♦AQ8 4A186 The bidding has proceeded:

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He enrolled in night classes at Washington's lab school three years ago after seeing teammate Joe Theismann felled by a broken leg during a game.

> West North East 1 NT Pass

A .- If you could be sure that part-

ner has two spade stoppers, or one

and the ace of hearts, you could

venture three no trump. However,

the more sensible bid, especially in light of your 100 honors, is a jump

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

±853 ♥972 ♦J643 ±874

A .- In the words of the young sail-

or in the heat of battle: "I seen my

duty and I done it." Partner has

asked you to bid a suit. You know

he has at least four spades, but you

can't be sure how many diamonds

it as supporting his suit. And there is

an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miser-

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you bold:

AKQ83 ♥AJ6 0854 AAQ

A.--If you play two-over-one as

forcing to game, you need do no more than bid two spades for the

moment. If you don't play it as a game force, you have a problem. We would opt for a jump to three no

trump, but we sympathize with those who treat their spades as a six-

card suit and choose three spades,

while taking our hats off to those intrepid souls who venture two dia-

By Harris

HARRIS 4-6

The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now?

monds or two hearts.

South West North East 1 2 Pass 2 4 Pass

he holds. Bid two spades. Think of

North

The bidding has proceeded: East South West No

What action do you take?

Pass 2 ♥

text of the communique. Magic Johnson: a tough series

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — Magic Johnson has a prediction as the Los Angeles Lakers prepare for their National Basketball Association western conference finals meeting with the upstart Phoenix Suns. "It's going to be a tough series," Johnson said after the Lakers' practice session at the forum Thursday, "Phoenix does a lot of things well. They have an excellent transition game and great outside shooting. "Kevin Johnson makes it work. He gets down the court so fast. It's going to be up-and-down basketball, that's for sure." The Lakers and Suns, who finished 1-2 in the NBA West this season and split their six regular-season meetings, begin their best-of-7 series, the final step to the NBA championship round, at the forum Saturday. Although Phoenix is winless in all five previous playoff appearances against Los Angeles, and hasn't won at the forum in five years, the Lakers almost certainly aren't going to take the Suns lightly. "They're not here by chance," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "They're here because they're talented and have beaten the pants off people."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BRUSSELS (AP) - All British soccer fans and most other

people tried for playing a role in the 1985 Heysel stadium riots will be retried, a spokesman for the Brussels prosecutor said Thursday. Fourteen Liverpool supporters were sentenced and 11

acquitted in the six-month-long trial which ended on April 28.

Thirty-nine people died on May 29 in Heysel stadium when riots

broke out before the European Cup soccer final between

Liverpool of Britain and Juventus Turin of Italy. Most victims

were Italian. The 14 British fans, who were sentenced to a partly

suspended three-year jail term for involuntary manslaughter but returned to England, have appealed against the verdict, the spokesman for the prosecutor said. The relative of one of the riots

victims, however, has appealed against the acquittal of the other

11 English fans, the source said, and is likely to be joined in his

appeal by the prosecutor. The Belgian police officer convicted for

dereliction of duty at the Heysel stadium also appealed against the

court judgment while the prosecutor appealed against the

PARIS (AP) - This year's Le Mans 24 hours auto race will not

count for the world championship of sports prototype cars, the

organisers and the International Automobile Federation (FIA)

announced Thursday. Jean-Marie Balestre, the FIA president,

and Raymond Gouloumes, President of the automobile club of

the west, made the announcement in a joint statement concerning the race, scheduled June 10-11. "Taking into account the

personality, specific nature and heritage of the Le Mans competition, it was decided by mutual agreement that it is in the interests of the event to remain outside the world championship for 1989"

they said. Jean-Marc Desnues, spokesman for the Automobile

Club of the West, known by its French initials ACO, said the two

sides could not resolve their differences involved payment for

television rights. He said the club counts on getting about 3

million francs (about \$450,000) for television production rights to

cover costs of organising the race. "Without it, it would be impossible to keep going," Desnues said. Yvon Leon, a member of the Sports Prototype Commission and the secretary general of

FISA, the racing arm of the Sports Automobile Association, said

there would be no comment from the association beyond the brief

Heysel defendants will be retried

acquittal of another police officer.

Le Mans taken out of championship

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The full Moon jitters are here again today, along with major aspects that encourage pessimism and sen-sual desire. The Sun enters Gemini at 9:54 CDST. Avoid speculation

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You may need your referee talents in the morning, teaching talents in the afternoon, and romantic talents in

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You discover a negative flow of money and it's consequences. En-courance and counsel siblings to

report their activities honestly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
Communications hit a high point.
Your birthday cycle begins with the sun's light influencing mental flexibilities. bility and creativity.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Enjoy some garage sale mania! Keep activities light and simple. A secret desire is fulfilled. Expect the unexpected.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) After pushing a lazy mood saide, you play catch-up most of the afternoon. Romantic involvement and sensual desire are featured later.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This is your day to take action. An unex-

pected contact "makes your day" by bringing good news. Romance is

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Buy from reputable agents and dealers when making major investments. The social climate is warm and lighthearted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The full moon influences home life, meetings with others, partnerships and self-improvement. Explore future travel possibilities. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) You feel that you must get out of the house — and you do! Your confidence is high. Do something different, unique and original.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Avoid noisy, crowded places that are irritating. Outdoor activities are

are irritating. Outdoor activities are favored along with short trips. Family plans are revised.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

A list of things to do will help when your memory takes a day off. Take care of basics, and then you take the day off too.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your emotions can become gridlocked

emotions can become gridlocked when trying to please others. Be receptive and patient, and give others a chance to share.

Dalglish in British

LONDON (R) — For once the hearts of the nation will be with Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish as he leads out his team for Saturday's English F.A. Cup final against city rivals Everton.

hearts

Public perceptions of the taci-turn, publicity-shy Scot have altered dramatically since 95 Liverpool supporters were killed in a crowd surge during the semi-final at Sheffield's Hillsborough stadium last month.

Television cameras captured the anguish on his normally impassive face as he saw fans being taken away on stretchers.

Dalglish led his players with great dignity as they attended the funerals of victims and visited the injured in bospital.

The "saddest and most beautiful sight" he had ever seen was how Dalglish described the sea of flowers, scarves and mementos which bedecked the goal area at the famous kop end of Liverpool's Anfield ground after Hill-sborough. His behaviour has prompted a wave of sympathy for a man who never fully captured the imagination of the public despite a dazzling playing career with Glasgow Celtic and Liverpool and his successes as playermanager of Liverpool.

He took over at Anfield in the shadow of another tragedy — the Heysel disaster in which 39 fans died after violence at the Juventus-Liverpool European Cup final in 1985. Liverpool won the coveted English league and F.A. Cup "Double" in his first season in charge and have continued to enjoy success, yet Dalglish remained an enigmatic figure.

He is clearly a tough, determined manager, prepared to leave stars on the sidelines if. tactics demand. His curt approach to the media has added to the image of a ruthless, insensitive individual.

Former team-mates give the lie to this, describing Dalglish as devoted to his wife and four young children.

Schoolboy friends say he was always very close to his own family as he grew up in a work-

ing-class area of Glasgow. His parents supported him when he abandoned a joiner's apprenticeship and made the unusual step for a Protestant of signing for Catholic-dominated Celtic.

He made his Celtic debut in 1969 and won every major domestic honour in his eight years at the club.

A small yet powerful man, his close control and accurate passing were great assets, but his ability to "read" the game really marked him out, helping him scent gaps in opposition defences with an

almost animal cunning. When Liverpool sold Kevin Keegan in 1977 Dalglish was signed to replace him. If they fulfilled similar roles on the field the pair could hardly have differed more off it.

While Keegan had courted media adulation and enjoyed superstar status, Dalglish adopted a much lower profile, slipping quietly away after matches.

Italian Open sees seeds drop

finds niche Connors loses to youngster

ROME (R) — Jimmy Connors bowed out of the Italian Open tennis championships in the third round Thursday, beaten by a man half his age.

Spaniard Sergio Bruguera, who as a young child idolised Connors, thrashed the former world number one 6-1, 6-1 in the best win of his short career to reach the quarter-finals of the one-million-dollar tournament.

Fifth seeded Connors, at 36 only five years younger than Bruguera's father, seemed to be feeling his age after a tough three sets against Italian qualifier Massimo Cierro Wednesday evening.

"I had problems getting mov-g," the former U.S. Open, Wimbledon and Australian champion said. "I don't recover as well as I did before." Bruguera, 18, lost to the Amer-

ican in three sets at the same stage of the West German Open last week. "My father advised me to play

more on his forehand, to move him a bit and to attack whenever possible," he said. The teenager, ranked 81st in

the world, heeded his father's advice, making Connors run from

the start as steady rain fell on the centre court at the Foro Italico.

Connors had his moments, fighting back to deuce from 15-40 down in the sixth game of the opening set. But he failed to worry the determined Bruguera

who took advantage with a back-

hand volley and then finished off a long rally with a service break. "He runs down a lot of balls, he moves well and he is young,' Connors said of his opponent who knocked out 12th seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the

first round. Bruguera's opponent in the quarter-finals will be another unseeded player, Dutchman Mark Koevermans, who remembers Connors from the Rotterdam Indoor tournament when he acted as a ball boy for the American at

the age of 12. Koevermans, now 21 and playing against doctors' advice with a painful broken big toe, felled third seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden in the first round and

went through to the last eight by beating Italian Diego Nargiso 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 Thursday.

Koevermans defeated Bruguera in straight sets in the semifinals of the Casablanca tournament in March but said the Spaniard had improved since then.

"It will be a tough match because we have a similar game. It coul last a long time," said Koevermans, ranked 101st in the world.

Tenth and 13th seeds Darren Cahill and Jaime Yzaga both joined Connors in going out to unseeded opposition as the third round continued on and off amid rain showers.

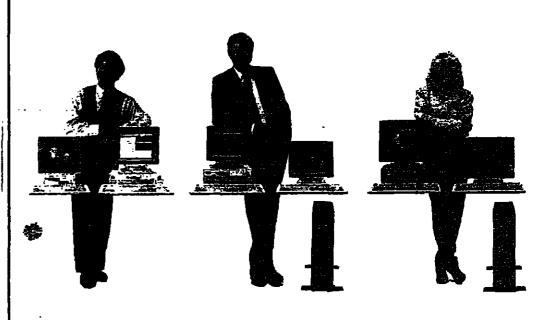
Australian Cahill, a semifinalist at the U.S. Open last year, was beaten 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 by Spanish giant-killer Jordi Arrese, who had already dispatched seventh seeded American Aaron Krickstein in the second round.

Cahill was unable to struggle back from 4-1 down in the second set and though he matched Arrese on a break in the third to keep the score running level, he was broken in the crucial 12th game when he failed to reach a return of serve.

Peruvian Yzaga, beaten by world number one Ivan Lendl in the final of the tournament of champions at Forest Hills 10 days ago, was unable to get the better of Italian wild card Omar Camporese and lost 6-3, 6-4.

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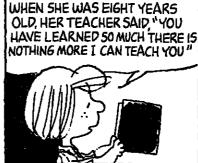
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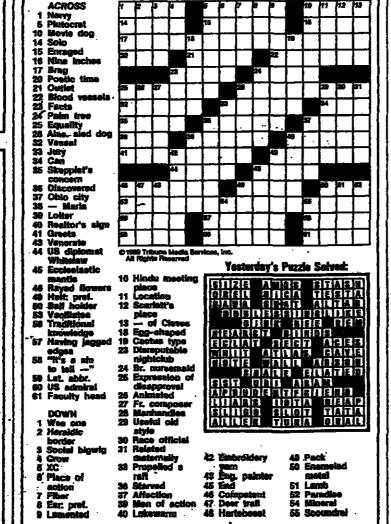








THE Daily Crossword by Hórence C. Adder



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. Uh_er... uh... -YICIL RYTOLL HIS INABILITY TO TELL THE TRUTH TURNED OUT TO BE THIS FORHIM. ALFFEB

You have running shoes, walking shoes and tennis shoes. But you still need lawn mowing shoes, eating shoes, sleeping shoes...'

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above carbon.

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles BIRCH SWASH PONDER MARVEL Answer: A woman without a heart might make a fool of a man without this—A HEAD

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d stocker: UF Jag.



'Unsmiling prince' may succeed Takeshita

A HELPING HAND... A medical aide carries a Chinese

student who collapsed in Peking's Tiananmen Square after three

days of hunger-strike demanding democracy.

TOKYO (R) - Japan's next cabinet secretary and Shin Kanepremier may well be the elderly former chairman of a bankrupt shipping company, a ruling party veteran named Toshio Komoto. party insiders said Friday.

Komoto, 77, is emerging among the front-runners in the prime ministerial sweepstakes. mainly because he is untainted by the nation's worst postwar political scandal, a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) source said.

The succession was thrown into turmoil last week when the party's unanimous choice, respected veteran Masayoshi Ito, flatly refused the job, demanding sweeping party reforms.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita announced last month he was stepping down over links to the Recruit shares-tor-favours

scandal. He said he planned to resign after the budget passes the upper

house of parliament next week. Komoto, called the "unsmiling prince" because of his poker face. beads the smallest of the five LDP factions and along with his 30 followers is considered unstained by the Recruit affair.

"By simple elimination of the possible candidates, it'll be Komoto who remains," an LDP source said.

The size of Komoto's faction also makes him attractive since he is not seen as posing a threat to the larger groups.

Komoto would be the least harmful candidate for everybody." one party source said.

Other names bandied about are Michita Sakata, a former speaker of the lower house, Masaharu Gotoda, former chief

maru, a former deputy prime

Gotoda is considered undesirable because he is a close associate of former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone who will testify to parliament next Thursday on his involvement in the scandal.

Kanemaru has a similar problem as a close Takeshita ally. Sakata has a clean reputation but lacks influence because he is

not aligned to any faction. Despite repeated refusals, Ito continues to be wooed by party

elders. Like Komoto, he has no known involvement in the Recruit affair. But party sources said Ito, who gave health problems as one

reason for refusal, is most unlikely to take on the premiership Komoto himself is dogged by a

In 1979, he bought some 300,000 New Party memberships in an unsuccessful bid for the premiership.

In 1985 he presided over the ignominious collapse of his Sanko Steamship Company, one of Japan's biggest bankruptices.

But overall Komoto's image is relatively untarnished, the

The LDP could make their decision on the succession as early as the end of the next week,

they said. The Recruit scandal has led to the resignation of three cabinet ministers and the arrests so far of 13 people on corruption charges. Two politicians, one a close

Nakasone aide, are expected to be indicted next week, press reports said Friday.

UNESCO tries to block publication

NEW YORK (R) — A United Nations agency established in 1945 to protect the "free exchange of ideas and knowledge" is threatening an American University Press with legal action to block publication of a book tracing the agency's 40-year relationship with the United States.

The producers of the work, however, vowed Thursday to publish in July despite the threats from UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The United States and Britain withdrew from the Paris-based organisation in 1985, alleging it had become an instrument of anti-American propaganda under the leadership of Amadou Mahtar m'Bow of Senegal.

The book, "Hope and Folly: The United States and UN-ESCO, 1945-1985," was commissioned by UNESCO in October 1986 and a contract signed with New York's Institute for Media

Analysis. In late 1987, after completion of the manuscript, m'Bow was replaced by Federico Mayor Zaragoza of Spain and UNESCO informed the institute that the agency "has decided that this manuscript should not be pub-

Lawyers for the institute said, however, the contract between UNESCO and the institute gives either party the right to publish the book. The University of Minnesota Press in Minneapolis

In April 1988, UNESCO said the book's publication "could potentially open up new wounds at an inopportune moment... and could be counter-productive with our desire to see the United States return to UNESCO."

Last month. UNESCO said again it was "strongly opposed to the publication of the book" and asked the institute to "renounce its plans to publish this work."

A lawyer for the institute, Melvin Wulf, said the institute would make no such renunciation.

On May 2, UNESCO threatened the University of Minnesota Press with legal action, saying it was ready to "assert its rights to prevent unauthorised publication."

No court papers have been filed yet in lite case and UN-ESCÓ said in a statement Wednesday that as co-owner of the book, it "has the right to decline to have the book pub-

Wulf countered by saying U.S. copyright law gives either party in a joint copyright contract

the right to publish.
"UNESCO showed approval of the manuscript by paying the suitiers and the law is very clear. It has become a first amendment question. They will fail to stop publication," Wulf said. The first amendment to the U.S. constitution protects freedom of ex-

Soviet republics adopt broader economic independence

Baltic states pursue campaign

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Estonia and Lithuania, two of the Soviet Union's 15 republics, have pased laws claiming far broader economic independence than authorities in Moscow want them to have.

Gorbachev sheds light

MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin lead- Communist Party Central Com-

on his personal life

Soviet legislature also declared their own money. the tiny republic "sovereign," an official of the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry said.

Lithuania's law includes provisions for printing its own money and Estonia's would allow limited private property. Both republics' economic plans call for control over virtually all industry on their territory and declare them the sole masters of their natural resources.

The laws fly in the face of recommendations from a Moscow commission headed by nonvoting politburo member Yuri Masiyukov on how much autonomy the republics should have from central authorities.

The Maslyukov commission proposed leaving control over energy and at least half of heavy industry, as well as all defence production, in the hands of Moscow bureaucrats. It also would

er Mikhail Gorbachev has given

details of his family, home, pay

and hobbies in a rare interview on

his private life with an official

In the interview, released by

the official news agency TASS Thursday as he returned home

from the Sino-Soviet summit in

Peking, Gorbachev confirmed re-

ports that he earns 1,200 roubles

(\$1,800) a month like other full

members of the ruling Politburo

stop, and finds it hard to take his

are spent on sleep, all my time is given to my work and... I must

admit that my attention is con-

centrated on work even when I

Gorbachev said he has a city

flat and state-owned country

house but no private one, and

likes nothing better than walking

in the forest but rarely has the

The journal which interviewed

BERN (AP) — Adnan Khashog-gi, the Saudi arms dealer and

financier once reputed to the

world's richest man, Thursday

completed his first month as pris-

oner 67931 in a Bern jail, with a

U.S. extradition demand immi-

Since his April 18 arrest in the Swiss capital, Khashoggi, 53, has

swapped his jet-set lifestyle for a

mundane prison routine, which

includes cleaning the toilet in his

If he remains jailed for another

month, which seems likely, legal and medical fees and the cost of

keeping his entourage in a nearby

hotel total 600,000 Swiss francs

(\$353,000), according to the

Khashoggi was arrested on a

U.S. warrant charging he helped

ousted Philippine President Fer-

dinand Marcos and his wife Im-

elda hide riches stolen from their

A U.S. federal prosecutor said

Tuesday that the United States

was to send a formal extradition

request to Bern by the end of the

Khashoggi's Swiss lawyer,

Ralph Zloczower, said he expects

Swiss tabloid Blick.

am on leave," he said.

mind off his official duties.

He said he works almost non-

"Except for a few hours that

Soviet journal.

In Lithuania, the Supreme prohibit republics from printing

Geidrius Cekuolis, first secretary of the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry, said in a telephone interview from Vilnius, the capital, that the economic law was passed Thursday without amendments after several hours of sharp debate. However, he said he did not know the final vote tally.

A second law regulating the farm economy was delayed until another meeting in June of the republic's Supreme Soviet, or parliament. The official TASS news agency

said in a report from Tallinn, the Estonian capital, that legislators there had approved a law estatlishing the basic forms of costaccounting in Estonia. It provided no details of the law.

Estonian Prime Minister Indrek Toome last week underlined the differences between Maslyukov's proposal and Estonia's

mittee, said it did so in response

to numerous requests from read-

ers to know more about their

his early life, Gorbachev shed no

light on his progress through the

upper echelons of Soviet power

nor the way he was chosen to take

over as Communist Party leader

the southern town of Stavropol,

Gorbachev said he started help-

ing out on the local collective

years at a machine and tractor

station, combining my studies with work in the field," Gor-

Gorbachev said he was enrol-

led at the law department of

Moscow University in 1950 and two years later joined the Com-

It was while studying in 1951

that Gorbachev said he met his

wife Raisa, a philosophy student

legal process that could go to

Switzerland's supreme court, the

federal tribunal, and take several

Zloczower said Khashoggi's health was "OK." His doctor, Daniel Nicole, declined com-

The financier reportedly had

Swiss officials say Khashoggi,

jailed pending a decision on his

extradition, does not receive pre-

private cell. He can wear his own

clothes, read newspapers, listen

to the radio and rent a television

for one Swiss franc (about 60

But Blick, which has reported

The newspaper said Khashoggi

almost daily on the Bern prison's

most famous occupant, said

was free to choose the time and

content of his meals, which often

include poultry, vegetables and

fruit, and are delivered by a

Mercedes 500 from the luxury

Schweizerhof hotel where he was

Khashoggi enjoys perks.

staying when arrested.

Like most prisoners he has a

come to Bern for medical treat-

ment and to lose weight.

ferential treatment.

Altogether I worked for five

farm from the age of 13.

The son of a peasant family in

in March 1985.

bachev said.

munist Party.

Gorbachev, News of the Soviet from the Siberian town of Rubt-

Khashoggi OK after

months.

month in Swiss jail

Although dwelling on details of

leader and his background.

draft law on "economic self-management," saying Moscow "in many ways is following the general principle 'you're going to live the way we permit you'... for us, such an approach is unaccept-

The Lithuanian parliament passd the law granting it general sovereignty by a large margin, said Ceknolis.

The law specifies that national Soviet laws are valid in Lithuania only if they also are approved by the Lithuanian parliament, effectively claiming the republic can veto Kremlin decisions it does not The Estonian Supreme Soviet

passed a similar law on sovereignlast November. Moscow authorities pronounced the law invalid, but the Estonian parliament stood by its decision and considers the sovereignty law still

Both sides have avoided bringing the dispute to a head. The Estonian law on the economy contradicts the Soviet constitution on several points, in-

Mikhail Gorbachev

secretary.

party apparatus.

Adnan Khashoggi

estimated.

Blick said if Khashoggi remains

in jail another month, the hotel

bill alone for his daughter, a

chauffeur and doctor could reach

tors could total as much as 500,000 francs (\$294,118), Blick

Meanwhile, the tabloid said,

sackfuls of mail have been deli-

vered for Khashoggi, including

love letters from admirers around

the world and correspondence

from businessmen taking advan-

tage of the entrepreneur's new

address to make contact with

him. All letters have to be

screened by prison officers.

Fees for his lawyers and doc-

40,000 francs (\$23,529).

sovsk, whose parents were rail-way workers. They married in

The future leader then re-

turned to his native Stavropol,

where he soon shifted to work in

the local Communist Party and

rose to become territorial first

correspondence course from the

economics department of an agri-

cultural institute, a useful qual-

ification for advancement in the

At the same time he took a

cluding its provision allowing limited private ownership of property, and Estonian authorities will have to ask Moscow to invalidate some articles of the constitution in consequence, Toome said

in a recent television interview. The published Estonian draft law did not provide for separate currency.

The Estonian law declared: "Within limits set by the law. small-scale private property is allowed." In a similar vein, the Lithuanian law provides for "the economically necessary introduction of plots of land for perpetual use with the right of inheritance." Soviet President Mikhail S.

Gorbachev has proposed leasing land for 50 years or more, but the Communist Party leadership has rejected private ownership, which contradicts communist ideology,

Both republics say the new laws on economic independence will come into force in 1990. The laws also specify that foreigners may own property in Estonia and Lithuania, and make provisions to encourage foreign investment and trade.

Estonia claims full control over its land, water, air space, woods and other natural resources in the law. All industry, except defencerelated factories, are to be put under control of local authorities, according to the law.

The Lithuanian proposal's provision on currency states that the republic "can introduce its own money system" with independent banks, and that it can "if necessary print its own state obligations, stocks and other valuable papers.

Lithuania's Supreme Soviet was set to debate the sovereignty law last November, but then dropped it without a vote after the republic's Communist Party leader, Algirdas Brazauskas, said it was unconstitutional.

Latvia, situated between Lithuania and Estonia, is considering similar measures on economic independence.

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, formerly independent nations, were forcibly incorporated into

the Soviet Union in 1940. **NATO** rift dominates

OTTAWA (R) — France's potential role as an arbiter in the dispute within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) over disarmament strategy was ready to be tested Friday as President Francois Mitterrand began visits to the United States and Canada. The French leader is well

Franco-U.S. summit

placed to help patch up the row over the future of short-range nuclear weapons (SNF) in Europe and prevent it from blighting the May 29-30 NATO summit in Brussels. As West Germany's closest

political ally, Mitterrand was expected to counsel compromise during several hours of private discussions with U.S. president George Bush. West Germany is leading the

campaign inside the 16-nation Western alliance against mod-ernising NATO's SNF arsenal and wants negotiations with the Soviet Bloc to ban the weapons from Europe entirely.

The United States, forcefully packed by Britain, rejects the policy. They want more proof of desires.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's peaceful intentions before reducing NATO defences. Mitterrand, who was starting his three-day North American tour in Ottawa Friday evening. spelled out French policy in Paris

on the eve of his trip. He came out clearly against the West German calls for negotiations with Moscow on SNF saying it was not yet time for such talks.

NATO should not rush to modernise its Lance SNF missiles but push for progress at the Vienna talks on cutting conventional weapons, he said. While remaining a NATO

member, France left the military command structure in 1966 and has steered a go-it-alone policy of independent nuclear deterrence ever since.

That strategy will be unsustain-able in East-West talks on scrapping all SNF weapons begin. France is not ready yet to include its own nuclear force -

totalling 300-400 warbeads. according to Mitterrand — in any bargaining process, as Gorbachev

Bad news for balding heads, wrinkled faces

CHICAGO (R) - Two scientists Thursday announced bad news for balding heads and sun-wrinkled faces.

Treatments for both conditions - Minoxidil for baldness and Retin-A cream for sun-aged skin - are both far from proven, the researchers said in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Minoxidil's "ability to stop hair loss may be greater than its ability to grow new hair," said Jeffrey Dover and Kenneth Arndt of Boston.

"Enthusiasm for this treatment seems to be exceeding its demon-strated clinical effectiveness,"

they added. Of Retin-A, they said, more studies are needed, consumer ex-

citement has outweighed results and it is premature to prescribe it for skin ageing. Minoxidil, marketed by Up-

john Company under the name Rogaine, was the first baldness treatment ever approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which regulates the drug

The agency warned that the drug would not work for everyone with male pattern baldness. The Boston researchers, reviewing several studies, said hair re-growth is often only a fraction of normal density and that cosme-

tically substantial regrowth is likely in only 10 to 20 per cent of well-selected users. However the drug remains a scientific advance, they said, adding: "The next generation of

similar agents will, no doubt, bring enhanced effectiveness." Retin-A, made by Ortho Phar-

maceutical Corporation, a unit of Johnson and Johnson, has been approved by the FDA for use against acne, but not to reduce wrinkles. Last December the University of Michigan researcher whose study 12 months earlier touted Retin-A as a wrinkle reducer, said new tests had affirmed its usefulness. The Boston researchers,

however, said that until more detailed tests are undertaken, "the magnitude of benefit and the characteristics of patients likely to benefit will not be clear."

Double-duty condom-holders

PARIS (R) - Clip-on condomholders in bright yellow plastic may be dangling soon from the belts of French troops, if the military approves an anti-AIDS idea from its medical service. Condoms are to go on sale in every barracks to encourage safer sex. Now military medics want to make sure the men always have a "preservatif" handy when offbase. The prototye model, which contains basic instructions about the condom's use, does double duty as a key-holder and could be printed with regimental badges or the names of warships.

Seaman bites off man's thumb

REGENSDORF, Switzerland (R) — A South Korean seaman bit off a companiot's left thumb and swallowed it during a drunken row, police said Tuesday. The 26-year-old sailor fled from the hotel where they were staying in this northern Swiss town Sunday but was arrested an hour later. Police said he may be sent back to South Korea. His victim, a seaman aged 28, was taken to hospital for treatment and later flew to Seoul.

Mickey Mouse in more languages than Bible

PARIS (R) — The adventure of Mickey Mouse are now available in more languages than the Bible, the work of Lenin or Agatha Christie, a survey of translations shows. Index translationum, pubhished by the United Nations cultural agent UNESCO, says stories featuring Walt Disney's cartoon mouse were translated 284 times in the reference year 1983. Russian revolutionary leader Lenin's writings went out in 276 versions, Agatha Christie's mysteries in 262, and the Bible was translated 219 times.

Big-nosed robber unmasked

LONDON (R) - Robert Robert

Duncan held up eight British savings banks with a toy gun but never wore a mask to hide his big nose, and that was now police traced him. The prosecution told London's old Bailey Court Tuesday that police received dozens of calls identifying 32-year-old Duncan after a newspaper published security camera pictures of him under the headline "The hooter with the shooter." The court heard that Duncan was snapped by the cameras at six branches. He also wore the same clothes at each robbery and did not disguise his handwriting in hold-up notes. Duncan, who stole a total of just over £6,300 (\$10,700), pleaded guilty and was jailed for seven

Agents raid cats and dogs

NEW YORK (AP) — Officials raided a house Tuesday and found as many as 150 dogs and cats running loose and feces in some cases 60 centimetres thick on the floor, a spokesman said. Neighbours had lodged complaints about the house in the flatbush section of Brooklyn "but we didn't expect there would be this many animals," said Jeffrey Hon, spokesman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). ASPCA agents went to the house at noon but by mid-afternoon had not been able to capture all of the animals, he said. The agents had counted 104 dogs and cats but think there may be about 50 more, Hon said. The animals were running loose on several floors of the house, where agents found feces in some places 60 centimetres thick, he said.

Stars are created, not born in Japan

By Anna Esaki

TOKYO — Stars in Japan are created, not born, as the showbiz machine turns out hundreds of instant teenage idols every year. Television stations need

huge numbers of entertainers, who are groomed by specialist schools and promoters. To be considered, a girl must be in her early teens, and look innocent and adorable. Talent

is an optional extra. "I guess ability doesn't really matter as long as the person has the look," said a promoter at a major production com-

"An idol is cute and in her teens," said Kazuji Kasai, a television producer. "She is

someone teenagers admire." Once chosen and suitably groomed, she "debuts" with a record release and television appearance.

"Idols ideally debut at 13," said Minoru Kawamura, director of Theatre Academy, a school for training entertainers. "By the time they become 15 or 16 they may have already hit their peak."

If she captures the public's imagination, the idol can graduate into becoming a "tarrento" (talent) around the age of 20.

A "tarento" is an entertainer who can sing, act, be funny, or simply look cute. Television stations need vast numbers of there to fill out their endless talk and quiz shows. Tens of thousands of young

people, mostly girls, compete at auditions and contests throughout Japan. Between 200 to 300 "debut" each year. But only a handful succeed. "Sometimes the face is good, but the singing is bad, or the face is bad but the singing is good," said Kasai. "You can put a lot of money into an idol and come up with zero." A major television station recently held an audition for a

prestigious free training course for the idols of tomorrow. Photos from 37,000 applicants between the ages of 14

and 19 came flooding in. A lucky 300 passed the first screening and of those, 40 were selected by an all-male panel after a parade in turquoise leotards and a camera close-

Judges asked a few questions about career choices.

"Although I may not appear that way now, people say I am exceedingly bright and cheery, almost to the point of being annoying" said one hopeful. "I would very much like to be a cute tarento.'

Idols appear repeatedly on television programmes, singing the same song, in the same way, over and over.

Winks, coy smiles and dolllike mannerisms are their trademark. Wardrobes include outrageous, complicated outfits, from frilly pink party dres-ses to off-the-shoulder lush vel-

"You have to accommodate the tastes of those who are watching television," said Kawamura. "Maybe the entertainment world here has to grow up a bit."

'Squeaky clean idols'

Despite their sweet public facade, not all idols are squeaky clean. Popular newspapers often run scandal stories on their love lives.

Constant public visibility and deliberate self-composure can mask an adolescent, confused teenager. The tragic death in 1986 of teenage idol Yukiko Okada brought that painfully to light.

Widely believed to be despondent over the lack of attention from an actor many years her senior. Okada jumped off the roof of a building.

One of the newest hot idols is Shizuka Kudo, known for her expressive eyebrows. One of her big hits is "Sexy Silent Communication."

Seiko Matsuda, considered the queen of idols, made waves when she resumed her career after marriage and the birth of a child. Making the switch from idol to motherhood and adult singing career is almost unheard of in Japan.

Other tarentos cash in on their names by opening stores selling goods bearing cartoon reproductions of themselves. No one knows how long fame will last.

"Idols come in a flash and go in a flash," said veteran movie producer Zitsuhiko Sonoda.

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